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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1008) (P)
**SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD aka Freemen
RACIAL MATTERS**
OO: MM

Re New Orleans airtel to MM and Omaha 4/2/63; Omaha
rad to NO 4/5/63; MM airtel to New Orleans 3/29/63 (all inter-
office) and Butel to MM and NO 4/12/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letter-head memorandum, captioned as above, in form suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a program of the convention held by the Congress of Freedom in New Orleans, on 4/4, 5 & 6/63, and a copy of a letter on the stationery of ARTHUR J. J. BOHN, Attorney at Law, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Enclosed for Miami are two copies of the above mentioned letterhead memo and a copy of the program and letter as mentioned above.

Enclosed for Omaha are two copies of the letterhead memo mentioned above.

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The program for the convention of the Congress of Freedom was made available by [redacted] to SA CARL E. CLAIBORNE on 4/8/63. The informant advised he obtained this program at a meeting of the National Ku Klux Klan held in Biloxi, Mississippi, 4/6 & 7/63.

For the information of Omaha, referenced Butel advised that former informant set forth in a report information concerning plans of subject organization to assassinate various individuals allegedly connected with United States policy and that decisions to assassinate these persons were made at the Congress of Freedom, Inc. Convention, which was held at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel in New Orleans, 4/4, 5 & 6/63. Omaha is requested to canvass logical informants and sources for any information concerning the subject organization, the Congress of Freedom, and alleged plans of assassination.

[redacted] Riviera Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi, made available to SA MERRIMAN D. DIVEN, on 4/7/63, a printed letter on the stationery of ARTHUR J. J. BOHN, which was found in Room 301, that hotel, immediately following a meeting of the KKK, which was terminated on that day. It is to be noted that Bohn was a featured speaker at the Congress of Freedom Convention in New Orleans a few days prior to that time. This printed letter was in the form of an open letter, dated 7/31/61, and the stated purpose was to outline the plan to force the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Orleans, Louisiana

April 19, 1963

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD
also known as FREEMEN

"The Times-Picayune," New Orleans, Louisiana, in issue dated March 31, 1963, contained an article which stated the following information:

"Concepts of individual liberty, free enterprise and constitutional government will be discussed in New Orleans this week at the 12th annual National Congress of Freedom.

"Sessions of the congress will be held at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Overall theme of the congress is 'The Hard Core of Patriotic Americans.' George Soule, president of Soule College is local chairman. A. J. Rhodes is chairman of the Americanism committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area, which is supporting the event.

"Speakers will include George S. Montgomery, Jr., author of 'The Return of Adam Smith'; Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, associate editor, 'American Opinion,' Mary D. Cain, editor of Summit (Miss.) Sun; Mary M. Davidson, author of 'The Secret Government of the United States' and editor of the Council for Statehood; Dr. Arthur G. Blazey, chairman of the Congress of Freedom, Inc.

"Arthur J. J. Bohn, attorney and instigator of a suit to force the United States out of the United Nations; Opal Tanner White, chairman of the Committee to Impeach; Austin T. Flett, Chicago attorney and authority on cooperatives; the Rev. T. Robert Ingram, Houston, Tex., rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Clayton Rand, Gulfport, Miss., lecturer, writer, publisher, and Soule.

"In addition, there will be speakers who will discuss the Liberty Amendment, to repeal the income tax, and the Federal Reserve Act."

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Times-Picayune" carried the following article under the caption, "DISARMAMENT MOVES SCORED."

"Congress of Freedom Meeting to Open

"Disarmament of the United States could mean the 'destruction of the country's independence and subjection of its citizens to the evils of world government,' the executive director of the Congress of Freedom asserted here Wednesday.

" 'If something is not done to stop this surge of complete irrational thinking,' George J. Thomas of Omaha, Neb., said, 'the policy of disarmament being conducted by the state department will completely alienate the American government from the ideals and traditions which have made it what it is. We must remember that the United States is founded on principals that are national, not international.'

"Thomas, here for the 12th annual national session of the organization, said it is foolish to think that Russians will give up the freedom to defend themselves.

" 'According to the policy presently advocated by the state department,' Thomas said, 'disarmament is being carried out through an eight-year-plan by which all power will eventually be in the hands of the United Nations.'

" 'To restrict the people from trying to retain their freedom is beyond belief,' he said.

"As to President Kennedy's recent action to discourage further uprisings in Cuba, Thomas termed it as 'an unfortunate move, apparently made without thought of true freedom in mind.'

" 'How can Cubans regain their freedom without the chance to fight for it?' he asked.

"The Congress of Freedom is meeting Thursday through Saturday at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel."

The April 5, 1963, issue of "The Times-Picayune" contained an article under the caption, "THREAT IS SEEN TO US FREEDOM," as follows:

"Government Accused of 'Acts of Tyranny'

"Federal programs ranging from agriculture to public health were termed a threat to American freedoms Thursday at The Congress of Freedom Inc.

"Ohio farmer Clifford J. Simpson, who addressed the luncheon session, hit at the 'insidious acts of tyranny by our own government.'

"He said that the agriculture program is just one facet of a program of control and regimentation that reaches into every aspect of the economy.

"Simpson asserted that these programs eventually will make the people dependent on the government.

"The last two generations, he said, have been led to believe that the duty of government is to keep the citizens, but the government should only protect the citizen, not control him.

"SEEK PROPERTY RIGHT

"Vice-president of the Independent Farmers of Ohio, Simpson said farmers are not seeking for the right just to grow grain. The struggle is over the right to control and own private property, he explained.

"The right to control and own property, Simpson said, is the right to live.

"He added that the power to tax also is the power to destroy. Criticizing the current level of federal expenditures, Simpson said that taxes can't be cut without a reduction in the level of spending.

"Asserting that American freedoms are on the threshold of being lost, Simpson said that the educational programs offered by such groups as the Congress of Freedom are the best answer.

"Keynote speaker for the opening session Thursday at the Fountainebleau Motor Hotel was Dr. Arthur G. Blazey of Washington, Ind.

" 'MARXIAN CONCEPT'

"Speaking on federal health programs, he hit at the federal income tax, which 'enables the hidden manipulators to have a slush fund.' This is not limited to the course, added Blazey.

"He termed the federal income tax a 'fully Marxian concept.'

"Criticizing the 'profuse mishealth field of government, of use of public funds' for health programs and research, Simpson said this 'senseless' use of public funds was aiding the Communist goal of having the U. S. spend itself into bankruptcy.

"Opening speaker for the Friday session will be Glenn O. Young, editor of the American Adviser, who will speak on 'Suppose We Have Our Own Castro? What Can We Do About It?'

"Also speaking at the morning session will be Mary M. Davison, a director of the congress. She will discuss, 'The Secret Government of the United States.'

"The congress continues through Saturday."

The "New Orleans States-Item," New Orleans, Louisiana, issue dated April 5, 1963, contained an article under the caption, "RFK REMOVAL IS CALLED FOR BY VISITING EDITOR," as follows:

"A speaker today at a meeting of the Congress of Freedom in New Orleans called for the removal of Robert F. Kennedy from his post as United States attorney general.

"Glenn O. Young, an Oklahoma attorney and editor of a conservative publication called the American Adviser, was critical of handling of the Oxford, Miss., integration situation, the sending of medical supplies to Castro and lack of control by Congress.

"I say Robert Kennedy should be impeached and removed from office very promptly," said Young.

"Earlier, Young said it is 'obviously the primary responsibility of Congress to control the public purse, provide public defense and remove from public office any corrupt, subversive or incompetent public officers, including particularly the attorney general.'

"The congress meeting was in its second day at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel. Other speakers included Mary M. Davison, West Palm Beach, Fla.; the Rev. T. Robert Ingram, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Houston, Tex.; Austin T. Flett, Chicago, and George S. Montgomery Jr., New York.

"Young also called for the removal of some members of the Supreme Court 'on grounds that they no longer possess the qualifications of a judge who's appointed not for life but for the term of his good behavior.'

"Flett, a Chicago insurance man, lashed out against cooperatives in agriculture, insurance, the savings and loan field and utilities.

"He said this country is in danger of becoming a "vassal state in a one-world collectivized non-profit cooperative commonwealth dominated by Socialist and Communist leaders of the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, Red China and the United States of America'"

On April 16, 1963.

and [redacted] Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, 4040 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, advised SA Merriman D. Diven that the Congress of Freedom occupied about eighty to ninety rooms in the motel during the early part of April, 1963, but he was unable to ascertain from their records the identities of the guests of the hotel who were there for the convention of the Congress of Freedom.

[redacted] stated that none of the hotel personnel was present during the course of the meetings; however, after the meals had been served, he heard some after-dinner speakers talk about farm problems and other general topics. [redacted]

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stated that some of the speakers appeared to be pro-segregationists, but at no time did he hear anyone at the convention urge or espouse violence.

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ARTHUR J. J. BOHN
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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

July 31, 1961

The purpose of this letter is to outline a plan designed to force the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations, by having the Supreme Court of the United States declare unconstitutional and void *ad initio* the acts of the President and the Senate which made the United States a signatory member of that international organization.

The plan requires a suit to be filed directly in the Supreme Court requesting such a declaration, the original jurisdiction of said Court being invoked by the joinder as plaintiffs of at least one citizen and one State of the United States. The joinder of a State would by itself invoke said original jurisdiction, but a citizen should also join so that the requested declaration would vindicate the separate, sovereign, reserved rights of the States and the separate, sovereign, reserved and inalienable rights of the citizens, under both the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

The basic legal charge that the said acts of the President and the Senate were unconstitutional and therefore void *ad initio* would rest upon the easily established premise that the provisions of the United Nations Charter changed the United States Constitution and violated numerous of its provisions.

It is not the purpose of this letter to serve as a legal brief. However, it should be said for both layman and lawyer alike that it has been held in many cases by the Supreme Court of the United States that "... a treaty cannot change the Constitution or be held valid if it is in violation of that instrument" and that "This results from the nature and fundamental principles of our government." Cherokee Tobacco vs. U.S., 78 U.S. 227, 1 c. 299. It has also been held by that Court that a treaty cannot change our form of government, since this can only be done validly by amending the Constitution in accordance with its amendment provisions.

Since the participation of the United States in the United Nations was effected under the treaty-making powers of the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, exercised on the ostensible assumption that the United Nations Charter constituted a treaty document the aforementioned rules of law are clearly applicable, if the Supreme Court should attempt to hold that said Charter was in fact a treaty.

However, a much stronger legal position should first be asserted in the proposed suit, to-wit, that the United Nations Charter was not a treaty at all, but rather that it was a Constitution forming a world government with powers superior to and destructive of our National, State and individual governments as they had pre-existed under our Constitutions and the reserved and inalienable

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rights of the people. If such a legal position could be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court, the acts of the President and the Senate in attempting to effect our participation in and our formation of such a new world government would be even more obviously unconstitutional and void under the same principles of law.

It is earnestly suggested that the United Nations Charter did in fact create a new world government by the employment of a duplicity of language which has so far apparently been undiscovered. It is generally conceded that people create governments and governments create treaties. A careful reading of the preamble of the United Nations Charter reveals that its real hidden sense is that "We, the peoples of the United Nations . . . hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations." The master-stroke of duplicity of language which will be found in the phrase, "Accordingly, our respective governments . . .", is that while it conveys the idea that the respective National governments are solely involved and thus provides the controlled thought which has prevailed for sixteen years to the effect that the document is simply a treaty between nations, it simultaneously, but nevertheless quite clearly, expresses the hitherto undiscovered idea that the individual governments of each of the people have formed a new government. It is a little known and less taught and therefore obscure principle that insofar as an individual citizen of the United States has not consented to be governed, he is a sovereign, independent government in his own right. It was this principle which Alger Hiss and the other scribes of the Charter were also embracing within the phrase "our respective governments", so as to produce a document which could be advanced to the President and the Senate under the guise of a treaty and which would yet contain the sufficiency of language to support it as a world government constitution. Irrespective of whether the Charter is held to be a constitution for world government or a treaty between nations there can be no doubt that in its expressed powers and the exercise thereof since its inception, this "international organization" has acted as a world government, superior to and destructive of all our pre-existing constitutional forms of government. Although examples are legion, a few should suffice to illustrate the point for the purposes of this letter. Such examples are that huge sums of our federal government's monies and huge stockpiles of its tangible property, derived from the States and the citizens, are poured into the coffers of this international organization, without an appropriation by our Congress and more often than not used for purposes alien to our best interests, such as the recent gift of over \$1,000,000 from the United Nations Special Fund to Cuba, of which amount the United States was required to provide 40%: that when our own armed forces are employed as United Nations troops, a Russian general and not our Chief Executive is their Commander-In-Chief: that our country is permitted to defend itself solely against armed attack, but only until the United Nations takes action in the matter with its own troops and that during the interim of all of our defensive action, plans and strategy must be reported to the Russian general commander-in-chief of the United Nations military staff; and that our Chief Executive is made completely subservient to the dictates of the United Nations Security Council against our own National, State and individual interests under the United Nations Participation Act.

The writer is convinced that our participation in the United Nations suspended our Constitutional Republican form of government and temporarily supplanted it with a world government which imminently threatens to destroy us entirely. Until our participation is ended, the Federal and State governments and the people are bound and ruled not by our own Constitutions but by the United Nations Charter and all of its self-executing involvements as the supreme law of the land. The Supreme Court of the United States is required by the Constitution of the United States to regard the United Nations Charter as the supreme law of the land. Many of its recent decisions, while

debatably beyond the legitimate scope of our Federal Constitution, are nevertheless completely vindicated and required by the provisions of the United Nations Charter. For this reason, it is suggested that the doctrine of interposition and the purposes of the Texas Resolution and the Virginia Plan cannot be licitly invoked at this time and that there can be no apt criticism of the Supreme Court for its decisions in the so-called segregation cases, all of which are compelled under the United Nations Charter, even though not supportable under the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the ratification of the United Nations Charter under the apparent authority of the United States, temporarily surrendered the pre-existing constitutional rights of our people, our States and our Nation to the superior powers of the international organization. Under the acknowledged legal principle that a law enacted by apparent governmental authority is enforceable and presumed to be valid until declared invalid by competent judicial review, said rights will remain temporarily suspended until the acts effecting our participation in the United Nations are so declared to be unconstitutional and void.

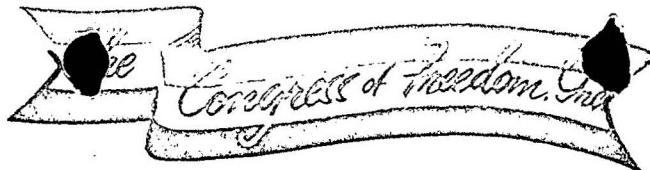
This letter is being sent to the Honorable Governors of the respective States and also to other known dedicated American patriots, in the fervent hope that as many of the States as possible will join in the filing of the proposed suit for the restoration of our sovereignties as they were intended to be and as many of us have mistakenly presumed them to be still existing.

This is an individual effort, so that time and facilities do not permit of the formal, personal presentation which the dignity of the correspondents and the subject matter would deserve. I will be most grateful to receive such replies as may be deemed fit and proper.

Respectfully yours,



ARTHUR J. J. BOHN
Attorney



NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

APRIL 4-5-6-1963

FONTAINEBLEAU MOTOR HOTEL
TWELFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL SESSION

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"YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

Convention Program Theme.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1963

4:00 P.M.—REGISTRATION BEGINS
LOBBY of the FONTAINEBLEAU MOTOR HOTEL.
7:00 P.M.—PRESS CONFERENCE—HEADQUARTERS SUITE.
OFFICERS - DIRECTORS - CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.
8:00 P.M.—RECEPTION HOSTS—CONVENTION CHAIRMAN GEORGE SOULE' AND MRS. SOULE' and COMMITTEE.
CARNIVAL SUITE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1963

8:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION CONTINUES.
9:30 A.M.—CONGRESS OF FREEDOM OFFICIALLY OPENS.
CARNIVAL SUITE.
George Soule' Convention Chairman—Presiding.
INVOCATION.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
SINGING OF AMERICA.
OPENING ADDRESS—GEORGE SOULE'
10:30 A.M.—Keynote Address—ARTHUR G. BLAZHEY, M.D., CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM.
INTRODUCTION BY GEORGE SOULE'.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES—GEORGE J. THOMAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
DISCUSSIONS.
12:15 Noon—LUNCHEON—HONORING DIRECTORS OF THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM. GRAND BALLROOM.
PAST CHAIRMAN THURMAN L. McCORMICK, PRESIDING.
RECOLLECTIONS—THURMAN L. McCORMICK, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
THE LAST DITCH—by CLIFFORD J. SIMPSON, MT. VERNON, OHIO.
2:30 P.M.—ADDRESS—MRS. WILLARD HEDRICK, STATE PRESIDENT OF PRO AMERICA. DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, TEXAS.
"THE CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF PATRICK HENRY."
INTRODUCTION BY THURMAN L. McCORMICK.
3:30 P.M.—ADDRESS—ARTHUR J. J. BOHN, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.
"A PLAN TO FORCE THE UNITED STATES OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS." INTRODUCTION BY MARY
M. DAVISON, DIRECTOR, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.
DISCUSSION.
8:00 P.M.—ADDRESS—DR. REVILO P. OLIVER, URBANA, ILLINOIS. PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.
ASSOCIATE EDITOR—AMERICAN OPINION.
INTRODUCTION—GEORGE J. THOMAS.
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9:30 P.M.—SHOWING OF THE CONTROVERSIAL FILM.
"Katanga, The UNTOLD STORY."

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1963

- 8:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION CONTINUES.
- 9:00 A.M.—CHAIRMAN A. G. BLAZEY, M.D., PRESIDING.
CARNIVAL SUITE.
INVOCATION.
ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 9:30 A.M.—ADDRESS—GLENN O. YOUNG, KEEFER, OKLAHOMA, DIRECTOR.
SUBJECT—"SUPPOSE WE HAVE OUR OWN CASTRO? WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?"
INTRODUCTION—ROSEMARY NUSBAUM, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO. DIRECTOR.
DISCUSSIONS.
- 10:30 A.M.—ADDRESS—MARY M. DAVISON, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.
AUTHOR, "THE SECRET GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES."
EDITOR, "COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD." DIRECTOR.
INTRODUCTION—GEORGE J. THOMAS.
- 12:15 P.M.—LUNCHEON. A. SIDNEY FARR, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, DIRECTOR, PRESIDING. GRAND BALLROOM.
GRACE.
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS—GENE HEDRICK.
- 2:30 P.M.—ADDRESS—T. ROBERT INGRAM, RECTOR ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS.
- 3:30 P.M.—ADDRESS—AUSTIN T. FLETT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
INTRODUCTION—RAY EUBANK, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, DIRECTOR.
SUBJECT—"SUBVERSION IN OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM."
DISCUSSION.
- 4:30 P.M.—TAPE RECORDING—THE FEDERAL RESERVE HOAX. BURDICK-HORTON. PATION #1.
- 8:00 P.M.—ADDRESS—GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY, JR., NEW YORK CITY. AUTHOR - PATRIOT - LAWYER - VETERAN.
INTRODUCTION—GLENN O. YOUNG.
- 9:30 P.M.—RESHOWING—The FILM, "KATANGA—THE UNTOLD STORY."

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1963

- 9:00 A.M.—A. G. BLAZEY, M.D., PRESIDING. CARNIVAL SUITE.
INVOCATION.
AMERICA.
ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 9:30 A.M.—ADDRESS—STEVE STAHL, OKLAHOMA CITY.
FOUNDER OF THE INVESETORS UNION OF AMERICA, INC., EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; PUBLIC EXPENDITURES COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA.
SUBJECT—RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP, AMERICA'S MOST URGENT NEED.
INTRODUCTION BY RAY EUBANK, DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.
DISCUSSION.
- 10:30 A.M.—ADDRESS—OPAL TANNER WHITE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
INTRODUCTION—GEORGE J. THOMAS.
SUBJECT—"SON OF THE REPUBLIC—LOOK AND LEARN."
- 12:15 NOON—LUNCHEON. GRAND BALLROOM.
GEORGE J. THOMAS, PRESIDING.
Honoring Capt. TOM L. GIBSON, DIRECTOR, MEMBER LEGISLATURE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.
ADDRESS—D. B. LEWIS, LOS ANGELES. DIRECTOR. BUSINESS EXECUTIVE EXTRAORDINARY. Pioneer of CONSERVATIVE ADVERTISING.
INTRODUCTION—MARY D. CAIN, SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI. DIRECTOR. EDITOR SUMMIT SUN.
- 2:00 P.M.—BUSINESS SESSION.
REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.
REPORTS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.
- 3:00 P.M.—Visits to Points of Interest in NEW ORLEANS.
- 7:30 P.M.—BANQUET—GRAND BALLROOM.
MARY D. CAIN—TOASTMISTRESS.
ADDRESS—CLAYTON RAND, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.
INTRODUCTION BY GEORGE SOULE'.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1963 CONGRESS SITE.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 1963.
RESOLUTIONS—THANKS—APPRECIATIONS.
GOODBYE—"GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN."

CLIFFORD J. SIMPSON

Mt. Vernon, Ohio

Clifford J. Simpson was born on a farm in Ohio, nearly fifty years ago. At an early age he was taught to be self-reliant and to have an undying faith in God. This served him well over the years as he frugally saved the few dollars he earned as a hired man until after many years he was able to purchase his own farm and home. He has one son, Carlton Wayne Simpson, for whom he is striving to retain the way of freedom under God, freedom without government dictation and restraint.

He organized the Independent Farmers of Ohio, and at present is its vice-president. He is also a member of Farmers For America, a national organization.

He has been a director of The Congress of Freedom for 8 years. He has carried on single-handed a continuing fight with the bureaucrats of the Agricultural Department to be allowed to farm his own farm in his own way.

CLAYTON RAND

Gulfport, Miss.

A prominent fellow Mississippian characterizes Clayton Rand "One of the great men of the Nation." As a speaker and entertainer he has few, if any equals. Born in Wisconsin, but reared in Mississippi, he worked his way through Harvard selling cooking-ware. Although admitted to the bar, he has been a newspaper man for forty years. He now owns the Dixie Press and edits the Dixie Guide, of Gulfport, Mississippi. He has written several books including "Ink on My Hands," the story of a country editor and "Stars in Their Eyes." He is probably the most articulate editor in the nation.

THE REV. T. ROBERT INGRAM

Houston, Texas

Graduate of the University of Washington; Officer of the Naval Reserve, having served overseas in the assaults of Palau and Okinawa; graduate of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., former editorial writer for the Boston Globe and their staff correspondent in Europe. He has served as the Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Houston, since it was organized in 1926, and as organizer and director of its School. He is author of several books and a much sought-after speaker and news analyst. He was honored by the Paul Carrington Chapter #5, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Feb. 22, 1962 with their Good Citizenship Gold Medal Award at the annual George Washington Birthday Banquet.

THURMAN L. McCORMICK

Kansas City, Mo.

Thurman L. McCormick, well known attorney of Kansas City and of Missouri is a Past Chairman of The Congress of Freedom, Inc. His voice of keen judgment and uncompromising conviction has been a feature of every meet of this organization. He was born in Missouri, graduated from the University of Missouri and the University of Michigan Law School. He has been engaged in the practice of law in Kansas City since 1919. In 1946, he organized the Property Owners Association of America, Inc., and has appeared many times before Congressional committees in opposition to rent control.

He helped organize The Congress of Freedom, Inc., in 1954, and incorporated the Congress under the laws of Missouri. In memory of his wife, he has established at the University of Michigan a trust fund for the assistance of worthy law students. "Any Candidate, however well qualified otherwise, who does not, without qualification, accept the Constitution of the United States and the principles of government as originally established thereby, shall automatically be disqualified" (as an applicant for this fund).

ARTHUR J. J. BOHN

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

53 years old—born in St. Louis, graduated from Harvard and Washington University law school. A practicing lawyer in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for past eleven years. Has a daughter, Barbara Ann, 19, a sophomore at Loyola University in New Orleans and a son who has been admitted to Tulane University to study medicine. Has been Grand Knight of the Council of Knights of Columbus and an executive member of the Florida State Bar Committee on Communist tactics. He will speak about his plan "To Force the United States Out of the United Nations."

GEORGE J. THOMAS
Omaha, Nebraska

George J. Thomas is synonymous with the organization of the Congress of Freedom. He was closely identified with its formal organization in the two conventions held in Omaha in 1953 and 1954. He has been an officer since its organization, as Vice Chairman in 1954, and as Executive Director since 1955. As the editor-publisher of The Greater Nebraskan, he is a fearless, outspoken critic of those who are subverting our nation, and of their agencies. He is also an advocate of those measures necessary for adoption to save our liberty.

AUSTIN T. FLETT
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Flett, an insurance broker of Chicago, will speak to the Congress of Freedom, Friday, April 5 on the subject "The United States as a Communist Nation". He will explain how the main root of the communist movement functions within the economic and political structure of the nation. As a sales executive with the United States Cold Storage Corporation, he transacted a great deal of business with the various cooperatives in the perishable food industry. Later as an insurance broker, he discovered that he was competing with one of the major tentacles of Federal Income and legislative favored cooperative movements. He has been a frequent speaker before Congressional Committees.

MARY M. DAVISON
West Palm Beach, Florida

Secretary of the Council of American Relations, author of widely-read "Letters to a Senator", recognized authority on Council on Foreign Relations.

Director of The Congress of Freedom.

Author of "The Secret Government of the United States", including the famous "23 Letters to a United States Senator." The outstanding revelation of the individuals behind the "International Conspiracy." The Council on Foreign Relations. Also editor of the Council For Statehood, the series of communications to the Legislators and Governors of the 50 States of the Union. These have for their purpose, the calling of a Constitutional Convention to save the states from the Federal Government's usurpation. Through her writings, Mary Davison is probably the most important figure in the United States.

GEORGE SOULE'
New Orleans, Louisiana

George Soule', convention chairman for the 1963 National Congress of Freedom, meeting in New Orleans, April 4-5-6, is president of the famous 107 year old Soule' College, one of the outstanding business colleges in the South. In its 107 years Soule' College has had only three presidents, representing the three successive generations of Soule's. Mr. George Soule' is active in business and political circles in New Orleans.

ARTHUR G. BLAZEY, M.D.
Washington, Indiana

Dr. Blazey is serving his second year as Chairman of The Congress of Freedom. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, since the Congress was founded in 1954. He is also an active member of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons. He has served as Program Chairman for both organizations. He has been responsible for organization of a Third Political Party in Indiana and is identified with several conservative political organizations. He served as a major during World War II.

GLENN O. YOUNG
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

A lawyer with more than 35 years of active practice, Mr. Young is now editing and publishing the American Adviser, which he regards as a somewhat different approach to the Communism problem. He believes the Communist conspiracy has tentacles that reach from the highest to the lowest branches of government and that drastic counter measures are necessary if America is to survive. He was formerly owner and editor of a weekly newspaper; he owns and operates a ranch and plantation and is an oil man. As a lawyer, he has practiced before the United States Supreme Court as well as the inferior courts, federal and state. He had three sons serving in World War II. He served Governor William H. Murray as his personal attorney and for the State of Oklahoma.

MRS. WILLARD O. HEDRICK
Houston, Texas

Former teacher and national director of Speaker's Institute, Chicago; World War II director of Harris County War Services Speaker's Bureau, National Secretary, Minute Women of the U.S.A., Inc., former secretary and now director of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., State Chairman of Pro-America, Chairman of Texas Women for Constitutional Government, Director of We, The People.
Convention Chairman of the Houston Session Congress of Freedom.

OPAL TANNER WHITE
Los Angeles, California

A native of Illinois. Daughter of a crusading patriot of Illinois, Wm. E. Tanner. He was active in Farm organizations. Mrs. White served as secretary for the Editor of the Indianapolis New, Carl H. Mote. She is now a Hollywood housewife, Speaker at many anti-communist meetings, Active in the National Committee to Impeach Members of the Supreme Court.

GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY, JR.
New York City

Mr. George Montgomery was born in Wahpeton, North Dakota on July 8, 1897; spent his boyhood in western Canada where he worked on occasion at his father's coal mine for \$2.50 a day. His great grandfather, Robert Bishop, who came from Adam Smith's country, was a founder and first president of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Montgomery graduated from Harvard Law School in 1923 and has practiced law, specializing in corporation and financial law, in New York since that date. He was a United States Naval flier in World War I, with service in France, England and Ireland, where he was commended for attack against enemy submarine in 1918. Mr. Montgomery is the author of "The Return of Adam Smith" and of the recent book, "Why Bertrand Russell Is Not a Christian".

PROF. R. P. OLIVER
Urbana, Illinois

Dr. Revilo Pendleton Oliver is Professor of the Classics in the University of Illinois. He was born in Texas, went to high school in Illinois and California, was an undergraduate in Pomona College (Claremont, California), and obtained the degree of Ph.D. at Illinois under the late great Professor William Abbott Oldfather. For many years he has taught, almost entirely, graduate students in Classical Philology, and for a number of years he also gave graduate courses in Spanish and Italian.

He has traveled widely. After World War II he was awarded a Guggenheim Post-Service Fellowship. In 1953-54 he spent a year in Italy on a Fullbright Research Fellowship exploring Renaissance manuscripts in the famous Italian libraries.

He is a scholar of international reputation. He has published scholarly articles in four languages in twelve learned periodicals of the United States and Europe. His first book was an annotated translation from the Sanskrit, *Mrcchakatika* ("The Little Clay Cart"), published in 1938. He is a member of fourteen learned societies in the United States and Europe, and has been an officer in several of these.

During World War II he was Director of Research in a secret agency of the War Department, and was cited for outstanding service to his country. In this position his attention was first called to the magnitude of Communist penetration in this country.

Professor Oliver is one of the very few college professors who are speaking publicly against Communism. He has made numerous appearances before patriotic groups, service clubs, forums, and on radio and television.

D. B. LEWIS
Los Angeles, California

D. E. Lewis was born in Tennessee but has lived for the past 30 years in California. He is an inventor and industrial engineer and is the largest manufacturer of animal foods on the West Coast. Mr. Lewis serves on the Board of the President's Council at Pepperdine College; director of the Broadway State Bank; American Progress Foundation, Seeing Eye Foundation, YWCA of Los Angeles, National Small Business Men's Organization of Washington, D.C.

In the interest of freedom, he has sponsored programs such as the Dr. Fifield films, Dean Manion's film on the income tax, the Freedom Club Forum, Fulton Lewis Jr. and is presently sponsoring the Don Smoot Program on fifty-eight radio stations and twenty-five television stations.

MR. STEVE STAHL
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mr. Steve Stahl is Executive Trustee and founder of the Investors' Union of America. This is a nation-wide movement to bring the great host of Americans, who own equities in the national economy, together and in closer relation with Congress. A native of Oklahoma City, he has been Executive Vice President of the Public Expenditures Council of Oklahoma, and he received the award of the George Washington Freedoms Foundation in 1959, for his "Voice of the Taxpayer" television series on Economic Education, and again in 1962 for his speech "Responsible Citizenship—America's Most Urgent Need." He has been affiliated with the citizen-taxpayer movement for the past 25 years and prior to that spent 18 years in newspaper work, mostly as a special assignment and political writer in Ohio.

He is a veteran of World War I, and the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City.

MARY D. CAIN
Summit, Mississippi

Mary Dawson Cain, past chairman of the Congress of Freedom, editor-manager of the weekly paper *The Sun* is the most loved, best known woman editor in the South. An uncompromising fighter for the ideals and principles of government she believes in, she has not hesitated to challenge the strong arm of government bureaucracy. When the Internal Revenue Department sought to force her to take out compulsory insurance upon herself and padlocked the door of *The Sun* when she refused, she took a hack-saw, destroyed the lock, and continued publishing her paper. She has carried on despite continual threat, not only publishing the *sun*, but engaging in an intensive speaking campaign that has made her name familiar in all sections of the nation. She has twice been a candidate for governor of Mississippi.

4-25-63

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TO SAC MIAMI (157-739)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-753)

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, RM, IS DASH X.
REBURAD APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYTHREE.
IMMEDIATELY SUTEL ANSWERS TO BUREAU QUESTIONS SET FORTH
IN RERAD. ALSO ADVISE DATE AND CAPTION OF AIRTEL SUBMITTING
REQUESTED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM. IF NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED,
APPROPRIATE EXPLANATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TOGETHER WITH YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION CONCERNING
DELAY IN HANDLING THIS MATTER.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO SAC MIAMI /157-739/

FROM DIRECTOR 1P /157-758/

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Date: 4/24/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739)(P)

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami teletype to the Bureau dated 4/23/63,
and Bureau teletype to Miami dated 4/23/63.

On 4/24/63, [redacted] advised he was placing an order to purchase a tape recording of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., meeting which took place 4/4-6/63, at New Orleans, La. He stated it would require 10 - 15 days to obtain the tape recording since the recordings will have to be made up by J. A. MILTEER and sent by mail from Ga. to Miami, Fla.

In referenced Miami teletype to the Bureau, it was noted that the tape recording would not include recordings of any secret or closed door meetings. This was not intended to imply that there were secret or closed door meetings but was intended to assist the Bureau in making a determination regarding the purchase of the tape recording. According to [redacted] there were no secret sessions or closed door meetings described as such, however, there were various committee meetings held during the evening hours with only the members of the committee permitted to attend. No recordings made of these meetings.

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LEAD:

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AT MIAMI, FLA.:

Will interview [redacted] 4/24/63, and prepare a letterhead memo in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in Bureau radiogram to Miami dated 4/23/63.

On receipt of the tape recording by [redacted] a transcript will be prepared and pertinent portions thereof set forth in a letterhead memo.

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APRIL 23, 1963

RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC, MIAMI (157-739)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758) — 40

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EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

VIA RADICGRAM

APR 23 1963

INFORMATION FROM YOUR OFFICE TO DATE CONCERNING THE
CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC., MEETING NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
APRIL FOUR DASH SIX, SIXTYTHREE, LEAVES VARIOUS QUESTIONS
WERED CONCERNING THE MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS.

DEV [REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF MEETING;
[REDACTED] AS PRESENT; WHAT WAS SAID; WHO MADE VARIOUS STATEMENTS;
[REDACTED] OTHER STATEMENTS MADE IN OPEN OR SECRET SESSION; WHO WAS
[REDACTED] AT SECRET SESSION; FROM WHOM DID [REDACTED] RECEIVE
[REDACTED] INFORMATION. ALL DETAILS OF MEETING MUST BE OBTAINED. INFO
[REDACTED] SATIONS MUST BE PINNED DOWN. INFORMATION TO DATE IS
[REDACTED] CONCERNING AS TO WHETHER CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC., OR COUNCIL
[REDACTED] FOR STATEHOOD IS THE PRIME MOVER IN PLANS TO ASSASSINATE
[REDACTED] GROUPS CONNECTED WITH FORMULATING U. S. POLICY.

Mr. Sullivan

NOTE: If next radio contact missed,
send by urgent plaintext teletype.
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TELEGRAM TO SAC, MIAMI
RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, RM, IS DASH X

BUREAU IS NOT INTERESTED IN SQUABBLE RE THE MIAMI PD REPORT AND [] ANALYSIS OF MIAMI PD REPORT BUT IS INTERESTED IN WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE AT CONGRESS OF FREEDOM MEETING. BOTH MM PD REPORT AND [] ACCOUNT INDICATE SOME INFORMATION THAT ASSASSINATIONS ARE PLANNED. RE LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTY-THREE, MERELY INDICATES ONE PERSON FURNISHED [] ANY INFORMATION. [] LHM CONTAINS NUMEROUS STATEMENTS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO SOURCES SUCH AS PAGE TWO THAT THE PROGRAM OF CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC., IS THE ELIMINATION OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THROUGH LEGISLATION AND IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THEN BY ASSASSINATION. WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO [] PAGE THREE STATES CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC., IS NOT PLANNING ASSASSINATION OF ANY OFFICIAL OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, NUMEROUS OFFICIALS OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT ARE LISTED IN THE FIVE GROUPS TO BE ASSASSINATED. PAGE FIVE SETS FORTH MEMBERS OF THE QUOTE HIGH COMMAND END QUOTE OF THE COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD. NO REASON IS ATTRIBUTED FOR WHY THE SOURCE BELIEVES THE PERSONS ARE ON THE QUOTE HIGH COMMAND END QUOTE. PAGE SIX INDICATES

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TELEGRAM TO SAC, MIAMI
RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, RM, IS DASH X.

INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] THAT MANY HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES SECRETLY BELONG TO THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC. IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AND THE IDENTITIES OF THE HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. PAGE SEVEN INDICATES THAT WHEN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IS PLACED UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS THE QUOTE HIGH COMMAND END QUOTE WOULD BEGIN TO FORMULATE PLANS REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF INDIVIDUALS. IDENTIFY [REDACTED] SOURCE CONCERNING THIS STATEMENT. PAGE SEVEN SETS FORTH THE QUOTE HIGH COMMAND END QUOTE IS OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA RE ASSASSINATION VICTIMS. IDENTIFY SOURCE. RE LHM IN ITS PRESENT FORM CANNOT BE DISSEMINATED DUE TO THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS LEFT UNANSWERED. IMMEDIATELY REVIEW THE COMPLETE LHM AND SUBMIT A SUITABLE ONE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS.

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Date: 4/18/63

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
 SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1008)
 SAC, OMAHA

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka;
 CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.
 RM

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CC TO:	Commander
REQ. REC'D.	JUL 23 1964
ANS.	JUL 23 1964
BY:	<i>John W. S.</i>

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 4/16/63; Bureau telcall
 to Miami, 4/17/63, and Miami tel call to Bureau, 4/18/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original
 and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for
 dissemination.

Enclosed for the New Orleans and Omaha Divisions
 are 2 copies of letterhead memorandum.

Source utilized in letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

The first source utilized in the characterization
 is [redacted] The second source is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
April 18, 1963

Re: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD;
CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

A source advised on April 15, 1963, that he had attended the Congress of Freedom, Inc. convention which was held at the Fontainebleau Motel - Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, 5 and 6, 1963.

Source stated there were approximately 600 to 700 individuals in attendance at the convention. Source noted the convention hall was not large enough to hold all individuals at the same time. Source further noted that the Congress of Freedom, Inc. had invited approximately seven or eight other groups to attend and address the convention. Some groups, source remembered, were the Council for Statehood, Citizens Council of New Orleans, Dixie Klan of Tennessee, Constitutional Government of Georgia, and a group, name unknown, headed by one [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky.

Source advised the Congress of Freedom, Inc. for approximately 12 years has had an annual convention at various locations throughout the United States. Source noted that the Congress of Freedom, Inc. possesses basically the same leadership as in the past, however, the officers have changed during this 12-year period.

Source stated that present at this convention were the following individuals who are members of the Council for Statehood, whose headquarters are located in West Palm Beach, Florida:

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Re: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD;
CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

Mary M. Davison, Secretary and founder of
the Council for Statehood

~~Arthur J. Bohn~~
Arthur Bohn, attorney, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

(First Name Not Recalled)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson
128 N. E. 9th Avenue, Boynton Beach, Florida

~~John Lanier~~



Source noted that the Council for Statehood has state chairmen in 36 states who act as co-ordinators within their respective states for the Council for Statehood. Source advised that the Council for Statehood program involves the distribution of literature through the co-ordinators, mentioned above, to all federal and state legislators, as well as governors of states and interested individuals in civilian life. Their program also includes associating themselves with the Congress of Freedom, Inc. in that organization's program of eliminating the Council on Foreign Relations through legislation, if possible; however, if it is not possible, the Congress of Freedom, Inc. will resort to eliminating the Council on Foreign Relations through assassination. Source pointed out, however, there were no plans relative to assassinations in the foreseeable future.

Source stated that the Council on Foreign Relations is not a government agency but rather an organization, according to the Congress of Freedom, Inc., that is an

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CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

underground communist organization which helps formulate United States foreign policy through legitimate United States Government agencies. The Council on Foreign Relations' purpose is to overthrow the United States Government by placing the United States and its military under the control of the United Nations. For this reason, the Congress of Freedom, Inc. is opposed to the Council on Foreign Relations and before they will allow the Council on Foreign Relations to turn over control of the United States to the United Nations, the Congress of Freedom, Inc. has and will inaugurate a program designed to eliminate the Council on Foreign Relations. Source pointed out that the program of the Congress of Freedom, Inc. is not a plot to overthrow the United States Government but rather those persons who are connected with the Council on Foreign Relations who are attempting to obtain control of the United States Government through the United Nations. Source advised that the Congress of Freedom, Inc. is not plotting to assassinate any official of the United States Government. Source noted that approximately 75% of the Congress of Freedom, Inc. members are also members of the John Birch Society.

Source noted that the Council for Statehood maintains a secret fund which was obtained through contributions, membership dues and fees, as well as requests for money throughout the State of Florida and 35 other states.

A characterization of the Council for Statehood is attached hereto.

Source advised that the principal speakers at the convention are identified in the convention program as follows:

Arthur G. Blaisie, a doctor from Washington, Indiana

Oklahoma.

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CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

~~Mrs. Willard O. Hedrick of Houston, Texas, a former teacher and national director of the Speakers Institute in Chicago.~~

~~Mrs. Opal Tanner White~~

~~George S. Montgomery, Jr., New York City, an attorney involved in corporation and financial law in New York City.~~

~~Professor R. P. Oliver, Urbana, Illinois, a professor of classics in the University of Illinois.~~

~~[redacted] Los Angeles, California, an industrial engineer.~~

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~~[redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Investors Union of America.~~

~~[redacted] of the Congress of Freedom,
Summit, Mississippi.~~

~~[redacted] Mount Vernon, Ohio.
the Independent Farmers of Ohio and [redacted] the
Farmers for America.~~

~~[redacted] Gulfport, Mississippi, [redacted] the Dixie
Press and editor of the Dixie Guide of Gulfport, Mississippi.~~

~~[redacted], Houston, Texas, [redacted] of
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Houston.~~

~~[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, attorney
in Kansas City.~~

~~Arthur J. Bohn, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, attorney.~~

~~[redacted] Omaha, Nebraska, one of the [redacted]
[redacted] of the Congress for Freedom and one of its vice
presidents.~~

Re: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD;
CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

Austin

~~Austin T. Flett, an insurance broker of Chicago.~~

~~George Soule, New Orleans, Louisiana, past chairman of the National Congress of Freedom.~~

Mary M. Davison, West Palm Beach, Florida, one of the directors of the Congress of Freedom.

Source stated that in the speeches made by the aforementioned speakers, he formed the opinion that the Congress of Freedom, Inc. does not believe in the policies of the United States pertaining to the United Nations as formulated during the administrations of former President Truman, former President Eisenhower, and President Kennedy. Source noted that at the convention of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., there were in attendance high-ranking industrialists, bankers, insurance executives, men and women generally that have access to great amounts of money, and from this group there has been selected a "high command". Source stated that he does not know how many individuals comprise the "high command" or their identities. Source states some of them are believed to be, in source's opinion, Arthur Bohn, attorney, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Mary M. Davison, West Palm Beach, Florida; [redacted] Greenville, South Carolina, and [redacted] Houston, Texas.

Source stated that in addition to the members of the Council for Statehood that were present at the convention, the following recalled individuals also were in attendance at the convention:

[redacted]
in the Professional Building, 2418 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, who source believed was representing a high-ranking group of individuals who were not present at the convention.

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[redacted] Wichita, Kansas.

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[redacted] New Orleans.

Louisiana, a member of the [redacted]

[redacted] of Greenville, South Carolina.

~~J. A. Milteer~~ of Quitman, Georgia, who is a past candidate for governor of the State of Georgia.

Source stated that Milteer is the representative of the Dixie Klan of Tennessee in the State of Georgia.

Source noted that the Dixie Klan of Tennessee is headed by [redacted] of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Source advised that Milteer made a tape recording of the entire convention. Source further noted that the Dixie Klan of Tennessee is cooperating with the Congress of Freedom, Inc. and is in agreement with their program.

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Source states that for approximately fifteen to twenty years, source attended a number of conventions and meetings of different organizations, but in source's opinion the Congress of Freedom, Inc. and groups which have allied themselves with this organization are the most dedicated group of individuals he has ever come across. Source noted that membership within the Congress of Freedom, Inc. contains high-ranking members of the armed forces, including individuals such as General Edwin Walker, retired, and many of these high-ranking members of the armed forces secretly belong to the organization. Source noted that at many of the conventions and meetings of other groups which source has attended in the past, there was always a great amount of drinking and "raising hell" but this was not the case at this convention which was held at New Orleans. He noted that most of the individuals attending the convention stayed at the Fontainebleau Hotel in New Orleans and that source never saw any of these individuals sitting around bars or "raising hell"; that it appeared that these individuals

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were attending the convention strictly on business.

Source states that in conversation with some of the individuals who attended this convention that the opinion formed by source was that this group, the Congress of Freedom, Inc., believed that under President Kennedy, the government of the United States this year could possibly be placed under the United Nations in some capacity and such sponsorship would rest in the Council on Foreign Relations. Source stated that if this should happen, it would be at that time that the "high command" would begin to formulate any plans regarding the assassination of individuals who are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Source further stated that the "high command" is obtaining photographs and additional background data on individuals whose names appear as possible victims by assassination.

Source advised that [redacted] had furnished him a booklet entitled "The Secret Government of the United States," which was obtained by him from Mary M. Davison. Source stated that [redacted] had informed him that Davison had indicated in this booklet the names of individuals who were to be assassinated by the Congress of Freedom, Inc., noting that those to be assassinated fell into five groups, according to their importance. Source further stated that the information concerning the possible assassination of the members of the Council on Foreign Relations was not discussed openly at the convention. Source stated this information was obtained through [redacted] and Mary M. Davison.

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Individuals identified for possible assassination in the booklet entitled "The Secret Government of the United States" by Mary M. Davison, Secretary, Council on American Relations, copyrighted 1962, published by the Greater Nebraskan, 1330 Turner Boulevard, Omaha, Nebraska, fourth printing, are identified below (address and occupation shown when known):

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GROUP I

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Sidney J. Weinberg, 67, Senior Partner in Goldman Sachs & Co., a top ten banking house.

[redacted] of Kuhn Loeb & Co.

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[redacted] Lehman Brothers. [redacted]

[redacted] Kuhn Loeb & Co.

[redacted] Weinberg's [redacted]

John J. McCloy, Chase Manhattan Bank.

[redacted] Kuhn Loeb & Co.

Rockefeller brothers.

[redacted] International Bank.

Averill Harriman.

X Harriman

James P. and Eric L. Warburg (Warburg brothers of world-wide German-American banking family, of which Paul M. Warburg was responsible for the dangerous Federal Reserve System.)

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GROUP II

Sidney J. Weinberg, 67, Senior Partner in
Goldman Sachs & Co., a top ten banking house.

[REDACTED] General Electric, currently
[REDACTED] of Business Advisory Council (BAC).

[REDACTED] Kroger Company, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of BAC.

[REDACTED] Continental Oil Company, also
[REDACTED] of BAC.

[REDACTED], Boeing Airplane Company,
BAC Executive Committee member.

[REDACTED] Bechtel Corp., Executive Committee.

[REDACTED] Owens-Corning Fiberglas
Corp., Executive Committee.

[REDACTED] Continental Can Company,
member of BAC Executive Committee.

[REDACTED] Whirlpool-Seeger Corporation,
member of BAC Executive Committee.

[REDACTED] DuPont, member of BAC
Executive Committee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Standard Oil (New Jersey), member
Executive Committee.

[REDACTED] General Foods Corporation,
member Executive Committee.

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[REDACTED] Standard Oil (California),
member BAC Executive Committee.

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[REDACTED] Pan American World Airways,
member BAC Executive Committee. [REDACTED]

Other members of BAC but not currently
officers include:

Henry Ford, II, Ford Motor Company, Ford
Foundation, etc.

[REDACTED], Bell & Howell, who was [REDACTED]
of GOF Platform Committee.

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W. Averell Harriman, Union Pacific, etc.

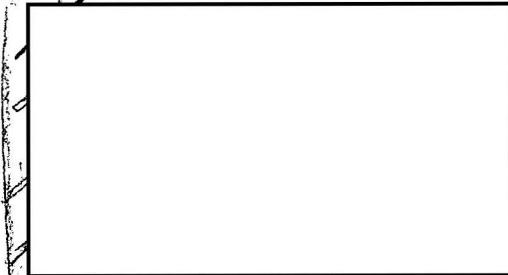
[REDACTED] S.J.F. Industries.

[REDACTED] Anderson, Clayton & Company.

William McChesney, Jr., Chairman of Federal Reserve
Board.

GROUP III

ALDRICH, WINTHROP W.



ASCOLI, MAX

BALDWIN, HANSON W.

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BENTON, WILLIAM B.

[REDACTED]

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COWLES, GARDNER

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DEAN, ARTHUR H.

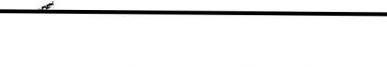
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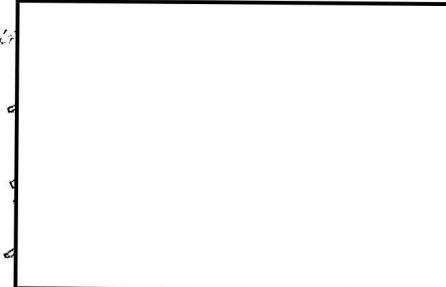
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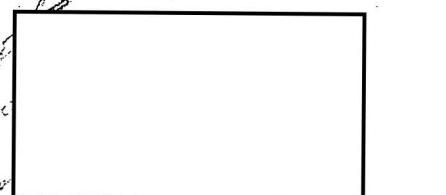
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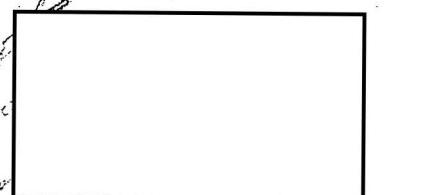
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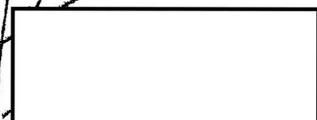
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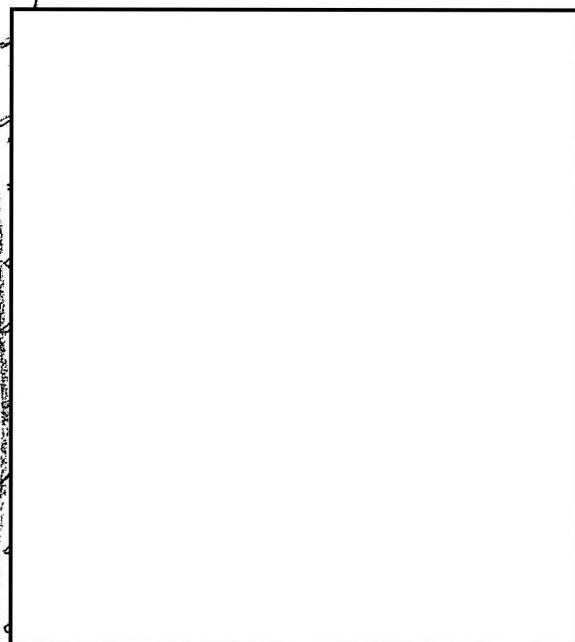
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MORGAN, HENRY S.



PALEY, WILLIAM S.



SARNOFF, BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID



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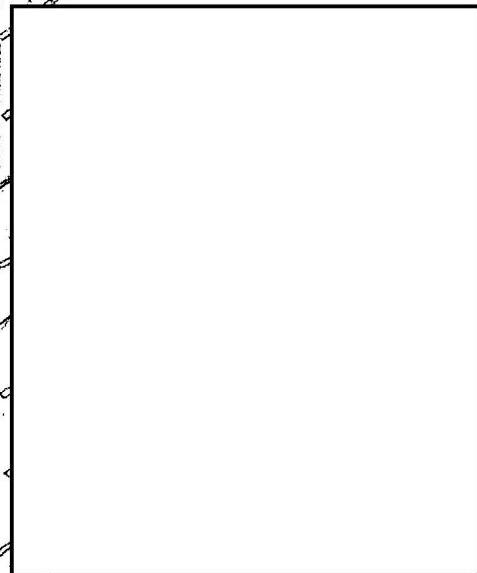
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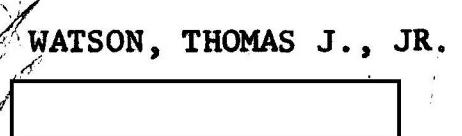
SEYMOUR, WHITNEY NORTH



WARBURG, ERIC M.



WARBURG, JAMES P.



Non-Resident Members

ACHESON, DEAN



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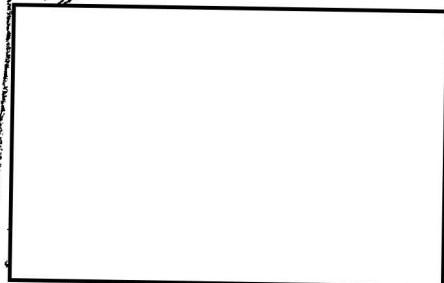
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BISSELL, RICHARD M., JR.



BRUCE, DAVID K. E.



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COHEN, BENJAMIN V.

COPELAND, LAMMOT DUPONT

COWLES, JOHN

DILLON, C. DOUGLAS

DUKE, ANGIER BIDDLE

DULLES, ALLEN W.

ETHRIDGE, MARK



GOLDBERG, ARTHUR J.



GRISWOLD, A. WHITNEY

HARRIMAN, W. AVERELL

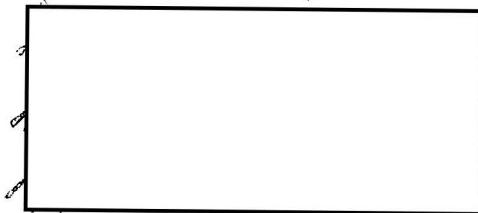
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~~HOOVER, HERBERT~~



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~~JAVITS, JACOB K.~~

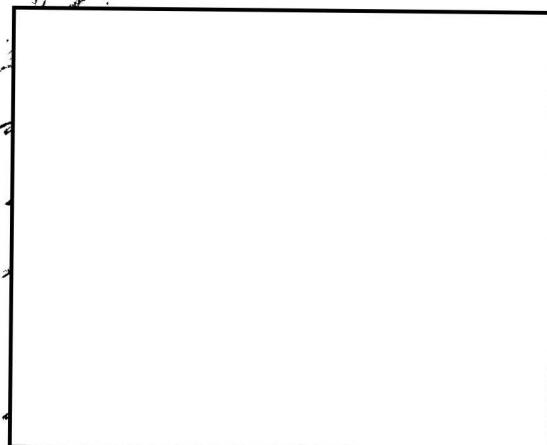
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~~LICHENSTEIN, WALTER~~

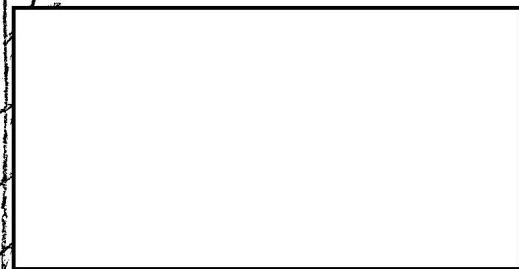


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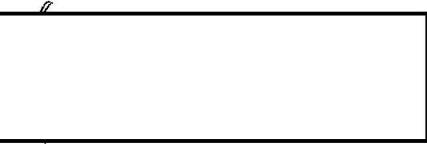
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~~TROWBRIDGE~~, ALEXANDER B.



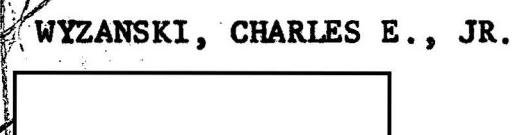
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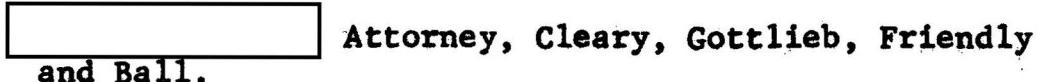
GROUP IV

His Royal Highness, Bernhard, Prince of the Netherlands.

J. H. Retinger, Police Charge d'Affairs, Russia, 1941.

Joseph E. Johnson, President, Carnegie Foundation.

F. D. L. Astor, Editor, "The Observer," London.



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Attorney, Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly

and Ball.

Britz Berg, Chairman, Federation of German Industries.

M. Nuri Birgi, Secretary General, Turkish Ministry.

Eugene R. Black, President, International Bank.

Robert R. Bowie, State Department, U. S. A.

McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy Presidential Aide.

Hakor Christianson, Chairman, East Asiatic Company,
Denmark.

Walter Cisler, President, Atomic Industrial Forum.

Pierre Commin, Secretary, French Social Party.

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[redacted] Dominion Insurance Company,
United Kingdom.

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Arthur H. Kean, Kennedy Advisor.

Jean de la Garde, French Ambassador to Mexico.

[redacted] New York.

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Sir William Elliot, Air Chief Marshal, United Kingdom.

[redacted] Socialist MP, Germany.

[redacted] Attorney, Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly
and Ball.

William J. Fulbright, Chairman, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee.

[redacted] to NATO.

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[redacted] Industrialist, United Kingdom.

[redacted] Technical Advisor, Atomic
Energy Committee.

Gabriel Hauge, Economic Advisor to President Eisenhower.

[redacted] Socialist MP, Norway.

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Brooks Hays, House Foreign Affairs Committee.

[redacted] Labor MP, United Kingdom.

Arnold D. P. Heeney, Canadian Ambassador to the
United States.

[redacted] Economist, U. S. A.

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Henry J. Heinz, President, H. J. Heinz Company
[redacted] banker, Norway.

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Paul G. Hoffman, former U. S. delegate to UN.

D. D. Jackson, President, Time, Inc.

William H. Jackson, former Presidential Aide, U. S. A.

Per Jacobson, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.

George F. Kennan, State Department, U. S. A.

George Kurt Keisinger, Chairman, Foreign Policy Committee, Germany,

Viscount Kilmuir, Lord Chancellor, United Kingdom.

Henry Kissinger, Presidential Aide, U. S. A.

[redacted] International Monetary Fund,
Netherlands.

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Imbriani Longo, Director, National Bank, Italy.

Paul Martin, Director, Health and Welfare, Canada.

George G. McChee, U. S. Senator.

David J. McDonald, President, United Steel Workers.

Ralph McGill, Editor, Atlanta Constitution.

Alexander W. Menne, President, Associated German Chemical Industries.

[redacted] lawyer, Germany.

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V. Smith
Robert Murphy, State Department, U. S. A.

**Frank G. Nash, former Assistant Secretary of Defense,
U. S. A.**

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[redacted] U. S. A.

Sidney Weinberg, U. S. A.

Allen Dulles, CIA Chief, U. S. A.

**Arthur M. Anderson, U. S. A., representative
Export Import Bank.**

General Alfred Gruenther, U. S. A.

John Gunther, writer, U. S. A.

William S. Paley, President, CBS, U. S. A.

[redacted] Kuhn Loeb & Company, U. S. A.

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[redacted] banker, U. S. A.

Eric M. Warburg, banker, U. S. A.

[redacted] writer, U. S. A.

Gardner Cowles, publisher, U. S. A.

[redacted] banker, U. S. A.

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[redacted] economist, U. S. A.

[redacted] U. S. A.

Cord Meyer, Jr., World Federalist, U. S. A.

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Sherman Adams, former Presidential Advisor, U. S. A.

[redacted] attorney, Coudert Bros., U. S. A.

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[redacted] banker, U. S. A.

[redacted] State Department, U. S. A.

Paul H. Nitze, Defense Advisor, U. S. A.

[redacted] Ford Foundation, U. S. A.

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Henry Lithgow Roberts, Director, Russian Institute,
Columbia University, U. S. A.

[redacted] Chase National Bank, U. S. A.

J. H. Van Rijen, Ambassador, Netherlands.

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, U. S. A.

[redacted] Industrialist, Netherlands.

J. L. S. Steele, British Chamber of Commerce.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, President, New York Times.

Terkel M. Terkelson, Publisher, Denmark

V. J. Govt Joseph M. Vorys, House Foreign Affairs Committee, U. S. A.

[redacted] Insurance Executive, U. S. A.

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V. J. Govt Alexander Wiley, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee,
U. S. A.

[redacted] Industrialist, Germany.

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[redacted] Industrialist, United Kingdom.

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[redacted] Belgium.

Nelson Rockefeller, Governor, New York, U. S. A.

David Sarnoff, Chairman, NBC, U. S. A.

Robert J. Oppenheimer, Scientist, U. S. A.

[redacted] Christian Science Monitor, U. S. A.

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Dean Acheson, Presidential Advisor, U. S. A.

[redacted] Churchman, NCC, U. S. A.
[redacted] banker, U. S. A.

Philip C. Jessup, U. S. A., representative to
International Court.

[redacted] U. S. A.

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[redacted] Scientist, U. S. A.

Owen Lattimore, U. S. A.

V. S. Govt General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U. S. A., Chief of Staff.

[redacted] banker, U. S. A.

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[redacted] Publisher, Denver Post, U. S. A.

V. S. Govt Adolphe A. Berle, Presidential Advisor, U. S. A.

Ralph E. Flanders, Senator, U. S. A.

Benjamin V. Cohen, United Nations, U. S. A.

Re: COUNCIL OF STATEHOOD;
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Harry D. Gideonse, Educator, U. S. A.

[redacted] U. S. A.

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~~✓~~ Individuals listed under Group IV are identified as the ~~International~~ Bilderberger Group, which is identified in the booklet "The Secret Government of the United States" as a top secret group of the invisible government dictating foreign economic and political policy followed by Mr. Kennedy and his administration. The Bilderberger Group is further identified as an international union. *(Mr. J.)*

Also included in Group IV is a group of individuals consisting of 172 names identified as the ~~Business~~ Advisory Council. The names of these individuals appear on pages 50, 51, 52 and 53 of instant booklet.

Group V is a list of individuals in excess of 1100, identified as members of the Council on Foreign Relations, and their names are set out on pages 17 through 23 of instant booklet.

Source advised that the International Bilderberger Group and the Business Advisory Council are unknown to him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
 SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1008)
 SAC, OMAHA
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka;
 CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC. (u)
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Re Miami airtel and letterhead memorandum, dated
 4/18/63, and Bureau radiogram to Miami, 4/23/63. (u)

There are enclosed for the Bureau the original and
 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination,
 which was prepared to replace the letterhead memorandum
 submitted as enclosure to Miami airtel dated 4/18/63. (u)

Enclosed for the New Orleans and Omaha Divisions
 are 2 copies of instant letterhead memorandum, which should
 replace previous letterhead memorandum submitted. (u)

The Miami Division, in addition to reinterviewing
 the original source of this information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has made every effort to cover the
 various points proposed in referenced Bureau radiogram so
 that the new letterhead memorandum may meet the Bureau's
 requirements for dissemination. 77

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- 3 - Miami
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As the Bureau is undoubtedly aware, it is often-times extremely difficult to pin down points of this nature; however, it is believed that instant letterhead memorandum covers to the maximum extent possible every point proposed in referenced Bureau radiogram. (u)

The Miami Division realizes that the main and predominant matter set forth in this letterhead memorandum involves the alleged plan to, at some later date, assassinate certain prominent individuals. This matter was discussed and rediscussed with the source, and as set forth in the re-submitted letterhead memorandum, the only individuals from whom the source received any such information regarding alleged future plans to assassinate prominent individuals were [redacted] and MARY M. DAVISON, as set forth on Page 12 of instant letterhead memorandum. (u)

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The source utilized in letterhead memorandum is [redacted] formerly [redacted] (u)

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The first source utilized in the characterization is [redacted] The second source is [redacted]
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
April 25, 1963

RE : COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD;
CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC. (u)

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 15, 1963, that he had attended the Congress of Freedom, Inc. (COF) convention which was held at the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, 5 and 6, 1963. The following information was furnished by the source on April 15 and 24, 1963:

There were approximately 600 to 700 individuals in attendance at the convention, who were from all sections of the United States. All sessions of the convention were well attended and it was observed that the convention hall was not large enough to hold all of the individuals at the same time.

The COF, with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, has for approximately twelve years held an annual convention at various locations throughout the United States. The leadership of the COF has remained basically the same; however, the officers have changed during the twelve year period. All arrangements and preparations for the New Orleans convention were handled by the officers and leaders of the COF. The COF invited approximately seven or eight other groups to attend and address the New Orleans convention. Some of these groups in attendance, which is not all inclusive, were the Council for Statehood (CFS), Citizens Council of New Orleans, Dixie Klan of Tennessee, Constitutional Government of Georgia, and a group, name unknown, headed by one [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky. (u)

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Present and identified at the New Orleans convention were the following individuals, who are members of the Council for Statehood, with headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida:

✓ MARY M. DAVISON, secretary and founder of the Council for Statehood, West Palm Beach, Florida.

✓ ARTHUR BOHN, attorney, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

[REDACTED] Fort Lauderdale,
Florida, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of North Miami, Florida.

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✓ Mr. and Mrs. WALTER JACKSON, Boynton Beach, Florida.

✓ JOHN LANIER, West Palm Beach, Florida.

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[REDACTED] Miami, Florida.

✓ [REDACTED] West Palm Beach, Florida.

[REDACTED] West Palm Beach, Florida.

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It was observed that all of the above individuals resided at the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel while attending the convention except [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were registered at the Plaza Motel.

In addition to the members of the Council for Statehood that were present at the convention, the following were present and in attendance at the convention and are the only individuals personally known to the source:

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[redacted] in the Professional Building, 2418
Travis Street, Houston, Texas, who source
believed was representing a high-ranking
group of individuals who were not present
at the convention.

[redacted] St. Albans, West Virginia.

[redacted] reportedly [redacted] of
the States Rights Party, New Orleans,
Louisiana.

[redacted] Wichita, Kansas.

[redacted] New Orleans,
Louisiana, a member of the Citizens Council of
New Orleans.

[redacted] of Greenville, South Carolina.

J. A. MILTEER of Quitman, Georgia, who is a
past candidate for governor of the State of
Georgia and reportedly leader of Constitu-
tional Government of Georgia. MILTEER is the
representative of the Dixie Klan of Tennessee
in the State of Georgia. The Dixie Klan of
Tennessee reportedly has headquarters in
Chattanooga, Tennessee, and is headed by two
[redacted]

In conversation with MILTEER, it was pointed out
to the source that the Dixie Klan of Tennessee is coopera-
ting with the COF and is in agreement with their program.

During the course of the convention, MILTEER
and an unknown individual were observed making a tape

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recording of the entire convention, and it is understood through conversation with MILTEER that the tape recordings will be available for purchase at a later date.

The source noted he has been a member of the CFS since the latter part of 1962 and this organization has state chairmen in 36 states, who act as coordinators within their respective states for the CFS. The CFS program involves the distribution of literature through the coordinators mentioned above to all federal and state legislators, as well as governors of states and interested individuals in civilian life. The CFS maintains a secret fund, which is being obtained through contributions, membership dues and fees, as well as requests for money throughout the state of Florida and 35 other states. Their program also includes associating themselves with the COF in that organization's program of eliminating the Council on Foreign Relations through legislation, if possible; however, if it is not possible, the COF will resort to eliminating the Council on Foreign Relations through assassinations. It is pointed out, however, that according to the source, there are no plans relative to assassinations in the foreseeable future. The information regarding the elimination of the Council on Foreign Relations by assassination was furnished to the source while discussing the CFS and COF by MARY DAVISON and [redacted] who are active in the CFS. (u)

A characterization of the Council for Statehood is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

The meetings of the New Orleans convention were held in the morning and afternoon in the main hall of the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel. There were no secret or closed door sessions described as such; however, there were various committee meetings held during the evening hours with only the committee members permitted to attend. It is known to

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the source that MARY DAVISON and ARTHUR BOHN attended some of these meetings and it is believed that [redacted]
[redacted] may also have attended some of the committee meetings.

The principal speakers at the convention are identified in the convention program as follows:

ARTHUR G. BLAISIE, a doctor from Washington, Indiana.

Arthur G. Blaisie

[redacted]
Oklahoma.

Mrs. WILLARD O. HEDRICK of Houston, Texas, a former teacher and national director of the Speakers Institute of Chicago.

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Mrs. OPAL TANNER ^{nee} WHITE.

GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY, JR., New York City, an attorney involved in corporation and financial law in New York City.

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Professor R. P. OLIVER, Urbana, Illinois, a professor of classics at the University of Illinois.

[redacted] Los Angeles, California, an
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[redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
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[redacted] of the Congress
of Freedom, Summit, Mississippi.

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*Speakers at Convention
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[redacted] Mount Vernon, Ohio,
[redacted] of the Independent Farmers of
Ohio and [redacted] of the Farmers
for America.

[redacted] Gulfport, Mississippi
[redacted] of the Dixie Press and [redacted] of
the Dixie Guide of Gulfport, Mississippi.

[redacted] Houston, Texas,
[redacted] of St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
Houston. (u)

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri,
[redacted] in Kansas City.

ARTHUR J. BOHN, Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
attorney.

[redacted] Omaha, Nebraska, one of
the [redacted] of the Congress for
Freedom and one of its [redacted]

AUSTIN T. FLETT, an insurance broker of Chicago. (u)

~~Austin Flett~~
GEORGE SOULE, New Orleans, Louisiana, past
chairman of the National Congress of Freedom.

MARY M. DAVISON, West Palm Beach, Florida,
one of the directors of the Congress of
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Regarding speeches made by the aforementioned speakers, the source said he could not recall what was said by each individual speaker or the various statements made except in a very general way and as reflected below.

Professor R. P. OLIVER of the University of Illinois made a lengthy speech in which he was very anti-KENNEDY and anti-EISENHOWER administrations and spoke out strongly against the United Nations.

[redacted] of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, made a strong anti-KENNEDY administration speech and accused KENNEDY of being soft on communism.

[redacted] also spoke out strongly against the KENNEDY administration, as well as the Internal Revenue Department.

ARTHUR BLAISIE, a doctor from Washington, Indiana, spoke at length, criticizing the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as the EISENHOWER and KENNEDY administrations. (u)

[redacted] of Houston, Texas, made a short speech on communism and stated that this country was being taken over by the Communists but as free, religious people, this could never be accomplished.

[redacted] of Kansas City, Missouri, spoke very strongly against KENNEDY, saying KENNEDY was soft on communism and was more or less cooperating with KHRUSHCHEV and CASTRO.

ARTHUR BOHN of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, discussed his plan to force the United States out of the United Nations through the Supreme Court. At the conclusion of his speech, numerous questions were raised and it was generally felt that his plan would not be successful.

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MARY DAVISON of West Palm Beach, Florida, read a letter reportedly received from a high ranking member of the armed services. This individual, in his letter, stated that he was in agreement with MARY DAVISON and that the country was practically in the hands of the Communists. She refused to identify the letter writer, since he is still in the armed forces. In addition, she spoke at length regarding the United Nations and the Council on Foreign Relations, saying that the KENNEDY administration was not under his control but was under the direction of the United Nations. She indicated that in the event the United States became involved in war, neither KENNEDY nor Congress could declare war without the okay of the United Nations.

AUCTIN FLETT of Chicago, Illinois, stated that the United States is under communist dictators of the United Nations and so far as the Congress and President are concerned, they have no more power than some "newsboy." He talked at length on this subject and his speech could be described as one of the most outspoken of any of the speeches at this convention. During the various intermissions at the convention, FLETT was observed going from individual to individual, saying that we must fight our way out from under the communist government we are now living under. Through his action and statements, it is the opinion of the source that FLETT is believed to be a member of the "high command." (u)

[redacted] from Greenville, South Carolina, who is not listed above as one of the principal speakers, also spoke at the convention. [redacted] had various records and photographs, which he claimed he obtained from the Pentagon through underground sources. In explaining the records and photographs, he said it was a plot between the KENNEDY administration, KHRUSHCHEV and CASTRO to train guerrillas as Communists to be used against the people of the United States. He said they were to be

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trained in an area of 25,000 square miles located in Georgia, where they were to allegedly spy on industry and farming locations, which he claims they could take over in a six-hour period. [redacted] said, "We would not surrender, but would fight the U. S. Army, if necessary." According to the source, [redacted] made the most outspoken speech of any of the speakers at the convention and actually did advocate fighting the U. S. Army.

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Regarding the convention in general, the source, in his own opinion, stated as follows:

For approximately fifteen to twenty years, he has attended a number of conventions and meetings of different organizations and the COF and groups which have allied themselves with this organization are the most dedicated group of individuals he has ever come across. The source noted that at many of the conventions and meetings of other groups which he has attended in the past, there was always a great amount of drinking and "raising hell" but this was not the case at this convention in New Orleans. He noted that most of the individuals attending the convention stayed at the Fontainebleau Motel-Hotel in New Orleans and that he did not observe any of these individuals sitting around bars or "raising hell" and it appeared to him that these individuals were attending the convention strictly on business.

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The source advised that according to statements by MARY DAVISON, [redacted] and other unrecalled individuals, the membership within the COF contains high-ranking members of the Armed Forces, who secretly belong to the organization. According to information furnished to the source by DAVISON, some of the high-ranking officers include General EDWIN WALKER, retired, (first name unknown) ROBERTS, and General DE VALL (phonetic).

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The source stated that as a member of the CFS and in listening to the various speeches made at the

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New Orleans COF convention, he has formed the opinion that the COF does not believe in the policies of the United States pertaining to the United Nations, as formulated during the administrations of former president TRUMAN, former president EISENHOWER, and President Kennedy. He noted that through conversation with [redacted] MARY DAVISON and other unrecalled individuals at the New Orleans convention, as well as through observation, there were in attendance at the convention high-ranking industrialists, bankers, insurance executives, men and women generally who have access to great amounts of money, and from this group, there has been selected a "high command." The source stated that he does not know how many individuals comprise the "high command" or their identities. In the source's opinion, ARTHUR BOHN, attorney, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; MARY M. DAVISON, West Palm Beach, Florida:

[redacted] Greenville, South Carolina; and [redacted]
[redacted] Houston, Texas, are believed to comprise part of the "high command." He stated that no one has told him any of these individuals are members of the "high command" and it is merely his opinion, based on conversation with various unrecalled individuals at the convention. (u)

The source further stated that according to [redacted] the "high command" is reportedly obtaining photographs and additional background data on individuals whose names appear as possible victims by assassination.

The source noted that through conversation with [redacted] MARY DAVISON, and other unrecalled individuals at the New Orleans convention, he formed the opinion that this group, the COF, believes that under President KENNEDY, the government of the United States this year could possibly be placed under the United Nations in some capacity and such sponsorship would rest in the Council on Foreign Relations. He stated that if this should happen, it would be at this time that the "high command" would begin to formulate plans

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regarding the assassination of individuals who are members of the Council on Foreign Relations.

To further identify and describe the Council on Foreign Relations, the source advised as follows, which is his opinion, based on conversation with various individuals attending the New Orleans convention, which include [redacted] and MARY DAVISON:

The Council on Foreign Relations is not a government agency but rather an organization, according to the COF, that is an underground communist organization which helps formulate United States foreign policy through legitimate United States Government agencies. The Council on Foreign Relations' purpose is to overthrow the United States Government by placing the United States and its military under the control of the United Nations. For this reason, the COF is opposed to the Council on Foreign Relations and before they will allow the Council on Foreign Relations to turn over control of the United States to the United Nations, the COF has and will inaugurate a program (u) designed to eliminate the Council on Foreign Relations. Source pointed out that the program of the COF is not a plot to overthrow the United States Government but rather those persons who are connected with the Council on Foreign Relations who are attempting to obtain control of the United States Government through the United Nations.

The source noted that in his opinion, approximately 75% of the COF members are also members of the John Birch Society and that any action by the COF regarding assassinations would have the sanction of the John Birch Society.

The source related that in discussing the alleged assassinations with [redacted] there was no plotting to assassinate any officials of the United States Government, although the names of several

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Government officials appear in the booklet entitled "The Secret Government of the United States," which, according to [redacted] listed the names of several individuals reportedly to be assassinated.

Regarding the assassination of various groups connected with formulating United States policy, the source stated that in his opinion, after discussing the matter with [redacted] both the COF and CFS are equally active in this regard and neither group could be described as the prime mover of this plan.

Regarding the assassinations reportedly planned, the source advised as follows:

On the morning of April 5, 1963, [redacted] made available to him a booklet entitled "The Secret Government of the United States," which was obtained by [redacted] from MARY M. DAVISON on the previous day. The booklet, according to [redacted] contained the names of the people who are in a communist conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, and the most dangerous of these individuals listed in this booklet had been checked off by MARY DAVISON. DAVISON reportedly told [redacted] that these individuals, which were listed in five separate groups, would be the first to go if it were decided that violent action would be necessary. [redacted] in furnishing this information, used the term assassination as a means of eliminating the individuals listed.

The source stated that the information concerning the possible assassination of the members of the Council on Foreign Relations was not discussed openly at the convention and was furnished to the source through [redacted] who reportedly had obtained the information from DAVISON.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-739)

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It is noted that by teletype 4/12/63 your office furnished information, based on report to Miami Police by [redacted] concerning meeting in New Orleans at which it was alleged there was some discussion concerning the assassination of various well-known personalities both inside and outside of the U. S. Government. By teletype 4/12/63 and telephone 4/17/63 instructions were issued to you to resolve certain discrepancies in the original information and to take appropriate steps to obtain more concrete details as to information provided by [redacted]

You submitted a letterhead memorandum dated 4/18/63 which was to have provided the necessary information requested by the Bureau. By teletype 4/23/63 the Bureau advised that this letterhead memorandum was not acceptable and again instructed the necessary additional details be obtained at once and set forth immediately in a suitable letterhead memorandum.

As you are aware, aside from the obvious need for urgency in this matter provided by the alleged contemplated assassinations, the indication that someone from the state's attorney's office was coming to the Department to discuss this and other matters made even more urgent the need to

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obtain solid clarification of all points. Your teletype 4/25/63 states no delay is attributable to FBI personnel in this matter. The Bureau cannot agree with this conclusion based on the facts presently in its possession. Promptly furnish additional explanations to show how you reached this conclusion, and if necessary, submit your recommendations for administrative action for delay in this matter.

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URGENT 4-25-63 5-53 PM EST RGT
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-758/
FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-739/ 1 P
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REBURAD APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST, MIAMI AIRTEL APRIL TWENTY-
FOUR, MIAMI AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE WITH THIRTY-PAGE LETTERHEAD
MEMORANDUM ENCLOSED, AND BUTEL THIS DATE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

PLEASE SEE REMIAMI AIRTEL OF TWENTYFIFTH WITH ENCLOSURES,
FORWARDED AND EARLIER THIS DATE. LATTER SHOULD ARRIVE BUREAU
LATE TONIGHT OR EARLY MORNING OF TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT. IN VIEW
OF THIS AND IN INTEREST OF ECONOMY AND CLARITY IT IS FELT
BUREAU WOULD NOT DESIRE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BE SET FORTH
AGAIN IN TELETYPE. IN EVENT TELETYPE SUMMARY DESIRED PLEASE
ADVISE.

NO DELAY ATTRIBUTABLE TO FBI PERSONNEL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: 4/25/63

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA ~~FREEBEMIE~~
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 19, 1963
(your file), to the Attorney General with a copy for you.

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent
memorandum dated April 18, 1963
at Miami and one copy of the booklet mentioned on page 4.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enclosure Also enclosed is copy of memorandum dated 4/19/63 at New Orleans. Copies of enclosed material also furnished to the Criminal and Internal Security Divisions. Further inquiries are being conducted into this matter to obtain additional details.

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URGENT 4-29-63 2-36 PM EST SHR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-758/
FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-739/ 2 P

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, RACIAL MATTERS, IS DASH X.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMO DATED APRIL TWENTY
FIVE, LAST, AND MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY
THREE, LAST, CAPTIONED QUOTE [REDACTED] AKA,
ET AL, BOMBING OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE, MIAMI,
FLA., FEB. EIGHTEEN, SIXTY THREE, BOMBING MATTERS DASH AR
UNQUOTE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH SIX EIGHT ONE.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED APRIL TWENTY
EIGHT, LAST, THAT MARY DAVISON OF WEST PALM BEACH INFORMED
HIM THAT MAJOR ARCH ROBERTS FROM FT. COLLINS, COLORADO,
WILL BE IN WEST PALM BEACH, MAY ONE NEXT. ROBERTS IS
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE TOWNSHOUSE MOTEL, WEST PALM BEACH,
AT EIGHT PM, MAY ONE NEXT. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED, WITH
ADMISSION CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR.

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APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ADVISED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM
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BEING SUBMITTED THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MIAMI PD,
ADVISED TODAY THAT SEYMOUR GELBER OF THE FLA. STATE ATTORNEY-S
OFFICE, HAS TNETATIVELY SET MAY TWO NEXT AS THE DATE HE
CONTEMPLATES GOING TO WASHINGTON, D. C., TO CONTACT THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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Ex-Walker Aide To Speak Here?

Handbills distributed in some area shopping centers and the Palm Beach Post-Times parking lot Monday say a speech on "Why Your Soldier Son Serves Under the Command of a Soviet Communist" will be given here Wednesday night.

The handbills say the speaker will be Maj. Arch E. Roberts and that the address is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Town House.

Town House officials said Monday night that a Mr. Thurmond had reserved space for Wednesday night, but that they knew nothing else about it.

Late Monday night, a man identifying himself as a Mr. Thurmond called the Post-Times news room and said the speech was cancelled.

A Maj. Archibald E. Roberts was an aide to ex-Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker when the latter commanded U. S. Army forces in Germany. He has claimed to be the author of Walker's controversial pro-blue troop indoctrination program.

Roberts was ordered deprived of his active commission and returned to civilian life last year because of a speech he made before the Daughters of the American Revolution in which he said Los Angeles Mayor Samual Yorty had a Communist background and Asst. Secretary of State G. Menken Williams had leftist leanings.

Roberts, who still holds a Reserve commission, could not be located Monday night to determine if he is the person referred to in the handbill.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-758/

FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-739/ 2 P

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA. RACIAL MATTERS. IS DASH X.
REMYTEL AND AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM,
APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

CONCERNING SPEECH BY MAJOR ARCH ROBERTS AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM BARNES, ASCERTAINED THROUGH CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] TOWN HOUSE MOTOR HOTEL THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY [REDACTED] STATING IT WOULD BE A LECTURE ON ANTI-COMMUNISM. ACCORDING TO BARNES, DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST, HANDBILLS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN SHIPPING CENTER AREAS ADVISING THAT A SPEECH WOULD BE GIVEN ON THE TOPIC OF QUOTE "WHY YOUR SOLDIER SON SERVES UNDER THE COMMAND OF A SOVIET COMMUNIST UNQUOTE." *b6 b7c* *H* *E-116 REC-15 MAY 2 1963 - 44*

ACCORDING TO BARNES, TOWN HOUSE [REDACTED] RECEIVED *b6 b7c*
NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS CRITICIZING USE OF FACILITIES FOR SPEECH.

UPON ADVICE FROM ATTORNEY, SPEECH CANCELED AND A NEWSPAPER

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ACCOUNT RE MATTER APPEARED IN QUOTE PALM BEACH POST-TIMES UNQUOTE, APRIL THIRTY, INSTANT. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT ARCH ROBERTS CONTACTED QUOTE PALM BEACH POST-TIMES UNQUOTE INDICATING THAT HE INTENDED TO SPEAK AS SCHEDULED IN VIEW OF A CONTRACT FOR THE ROOM. [REDACTED] TOWN HOUSE RECONSIDERED AND SPEECH WILL BE ALLOWED AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR EIGHT PM TONIGHT AT THE RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., AND MAJOR ROBERTS WILL BE PRESENT TO SPEAK.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM BEING SUBMITTED.

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Date: 4/29/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)
 RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka
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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. An information copy is being furnished to Denver since Major ARCH ROBERTS is from Fort Collins, Colorado.

The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum who furnished the information re the speech at West Palm Beach, Florida, 5/1/63, is [redacted]

The identity of the source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum re MAJOR ROBERTS is SA [redacted] an agent of the Denver Office, who is personally acquainted with ROBERTS.

The first source utilized in the characterization is [redacted] the second source is [redacted] formerly [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
April 29, 1963

Re: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 28, 1963, that Mary Davison, of West Palm Beach, Florida, has advised that Major Arch Roberts, from Fort Collins, Colorado, will be at West Palm Beach, Florida, on May 1, 1963. Roberts is scheduled to give a speech at the Town House Motel at 8:00 p.m., May 1, 1963, the public being invited with an admission charge of \$1.00.

Re: MAJOR ARCH E. ROBERTS

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that on January 1, 1963, Major Arch E. Roberts, USAR, 123 Magnolia, Fort Collins, Colorado, mailed a letter which enclosed a copy of an open letter to the Governors and Representatives of the Sovereign States, published by the Council for Statehood, Mrs. Mary M. Davison, West Palm Beach, Florida, dated December 20, 1962. Major Roberts reported that at the request of Mrs. Davison he had agreed to develop a Colorado Committee of the Council for Statehood. He reported that the purpose of the Colorado Committee was to disseminate Mrs. Davison's letter and succeeding ones to follow to members of the Colorado General Assembly, to the Governor, and to other members of the official family, and to develop further effective actions for the promotion and realization of the political objectives.

On November 29, 1962, Major Arch E. Roberts advised source that he was the Army officer who was dismissed from the Army because of apparent statements he had made at a meeting before the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. Roberts claimed that he was an associate of General

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Edwin Walker who was relieved of his campaign in Berlin during the past year. Roberts claimed that he is attempting to get back to active duty because he was illegally separated from the Army, and that he is attempting to acquaint the public with the dangers of communism. Roberts claims that Federal laws forbid the Army from turning out reserve officers with more than eighteen or less than twenty years of active duty without the officer's consent or without good cause. Roberts said he has eighteen years and nine months of active duty and still wants to make the Army his career. Roberts stated that his history of controversy dates back to his service with the 24th Division in Germany in 1959 and 1960.

Appropriate authorities at West Palm Beach, Florida, have been advised of the forthcoming speech by Major Roberts, Intelligence Corps Group, Miami, advised.

A characterization of the Council for Statehood is attached hereto, and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-739)

From: Director, FBI (157-758)

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X

A review of the material submitted by your office in this matter and the participation of members of the Council for Statehood in the Congress of Freedom, Inc., meeting which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 4/4-6/63, indicates that the only information received by the Miami Police Department informant [redacted] concerning assassinations of various groups was received by [redacted] from [redacted] of the Council for Statehood.

According to the information received from your office, [redacted] received the information concerning the persons who would be scheduled for assassination from Mary M. Davison, also of the Council for Statehood.

[redacted] and Mary M. Davison should be promptly and thoroughly interviewed concerning allegations that the Council for Statehood would resort to assassinations of various people if they believed such action was appropriate.

You should insure that the interview is so conducted as to protect [redacted] as the source of the information.

The results of these interviews should be submitted to the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination within five days of receipt of this communication.

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FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-739/ 2 P

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COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD. RACIAL MATTERS, IS DASH X.

RE MIAMI TEL, APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY THAT THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY

PEOPLE ATTENDED MEETING AT HOME OF [redacted] FT.

LAUDERDALE, FLA., APRIL THIRTY, LAST, AND HEARD SPEECH BY

MAJOR ARCH ROBERTS. ROBERTS/ SPEECH PRIMARILY CONCERNED

THE UNITED NATIONS AND POINTED OUT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD

TO BE DESTROYED BY LEGISLATION IF POSSIBLE. STATED THERE IS

NO LONGER A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT A GOVERNMENT UNDER THE

UNITED NATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT U. S. TROOPS ARE BEING

TRAINED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OVER

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS.

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THE SOURCE STATED THAT ACCORDING TO MARY DAVISON, [redacted]

[redacted] AND MAJOR ROBERTS, THREATS TO PICKET THE SPEECH AT

WEST PALM BEACH TONIGHT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. LOCAL AUTHORITIES,

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For review at FBI -

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WEST PALM BEACH, HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

THE QUOTE PALM BEACH POST UNQUOTE TODAY REPORTED A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD APRIL THIRTY, LAST, WITH MAJOR ROBERTS. ROBERTS IS QUOTED AS SAYING QUOTE I HAVE SOME DOUBTS IF THE PRESIDENT IS THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY UNQUOTE. HE CLASSIFIED HIMSELF AS A CONSTITUTIONALIST WHO HAS SWORN TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, HE CLAIMED HE WOULD MAKE NO WILD CHARGES DURING HIS SPEECH TONIGHT, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REFUTE DOCUMENTATION.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM BEING SUBMITTED.

END AND ACK PLS

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C. J. Jones, 3-2000-1

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TELETYPE

URGENT 5-2-63 2-51 PM EST SHR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-758/
FROM SAC, MIAMI /157-739/ 2 P

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, RACIAL MATTERS, IS DASH X.

RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, CONCERNING SPEECH BY
MAJOR ARCH ROBERTS, WEST PALM BEACH, MAY ONE, LAST, AND
MIAMI TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST, RE TENTATIVE PLANS
BY SEYMOUR GELBER OF THE FLA. STATE ATTORNEY-S OFFICE.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY APPROXIMATELY TWO
HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE ATTENDED MEETING MAY
ONE, LAST, AT WEST PLAM BEACH, FLA., AND HEARD MAJOR ARCH
ROBERTS SPEAK AT LENGTH RE THE UNITED NATIONS AND HOW THE
UNITED NATIONS WAS CONTROLLING THE U. S. NO DISTURBANCES
OCCURRED.

[redacted] INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MIAMI PD,
ADVISED TODAY THAT HE HAD CONTACTED SEYMOUR GELBER OF THE
FLA. STATE ATTORNEY-S OFFICE TODAY. GELBER ADVISED THAT HIS
PLANS TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT WASHINGTON,
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Drury
Mr. Felt
Mr. Glavin
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Miss Rose
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D. C. HAVE BEEN CANCELED, SINCE HE AND STATE ATTORNEY RICHARD GERSTEIN HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND DECIDED THAT NO EFFORT TO PERSONALLY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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ORIGINAL--MR. ROSEN

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Mr. Rosen

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Date: 4/29/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

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Re Bureau radiogram to Miami, 4/23/63; Bureau teletype to Miami, 4/25/63; Miami airtel enclosing letter-head memorandum dated 4/25/63, and Bureau airtel to Miami, 4/26/63.

Referenced Bureau teletype dated 4/25/63, requested that Miami submit explanations and, if appropriate, recommendations for administrative action, in the event there had been any delay on the part of Miami Agents in connection with answering Bureau radiogram (not teletype) dated 4/23/63.

The Bureau radiogram dated 4/23/63, was received in the Miami Office late in the afternoon of that date. Upon receiving this radiogram and same being decoded, the Agent handling this case was immediately instructed to return to the Office, it being noted that he was out working at that time.

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Upon his arrival in the Office at approximately 4:30 PM, on the afternoon of 4/23/63, he immediately commenced efforts to contact [redacted] which he successfully did later in the evening, and requested that [redacted] make himself available for an interview at the very earliest opportunity. He was unavailable that evening. [redacted] advised that he had other commitments starting at 8 AM the following morning, 4/24/63, but that he would make himself available for interview at approximately 2 PM on 4/24/63.

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[redacted] was reinterviewed in detail during the entire afternoon of 4/24/63 and that evening the Agent to whom the matter assigned immediately commenced the task of preparing a letterhead memorandum and assuring that all questions proposed in Bureau radiogram of 4/23/63 were answered.

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Upon reporting for duty the next morning, 4/25/63, the preparation, dictation, typing, running on a multilith machine, and assembling of the letterhead memorandum continued and was completed during the day of 4/25/63, and was immediately hand delivered to the U. S. Post Office and sent AMSD.

It should be noted that the instructions received by the Miami Division in Bureau radiogram of 4/23/63 did not state that a teletype be sent, but did indicate that a new letterhead memorandum be submitted immediately, clarifying the points raised in referenced Bureau radiogram.

From the above information, it will be noted that this matter received continuous and top priority attention from the time it was received in the Miami Office until the letterhead memorandum was completed and mailed AMSD. The only delay of any description encountered was the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] was not available for interview during the evening hours of 4/23/63, and until the afternoon of 4/24/63. From the time the interview of [redacted] was concluded on the afternoon of 4/24/63, a 30 page letterhead memorandum

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was prepared that night and the following day and delivered to the Post Office as soon as possible.

The Bureau, by separate communication, has been currently advised regarding plans of the Florida State Attorney's Office, Miami, to seek an interview with a representative of the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. The latest information is that such a representative will not depart this area for such an interview until Thursday, 5/2/63.

As can be seen from the above facts, there was not any delay attributable to the Agents handling this matter in the Miami Division.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

But At Town House?

Major Says Controversial Talk Here Will Be Made

Maj. Archibald E. Roberts, U.S. Army Reserve today said he definitely will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Town House Motor Hotel on the United Nations.

Roberts, who served under Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker when Walker commanded U.S. Army troops in Germany, said he had been informed by West Palm Beach residents who are sponsoring his local appearance that the Town House manager had canceled his appearance at the motel.

"As far as I'm concerned, I intend to speak and I intend to speak at the Town House," Roberts said today.

The major said that John Thur-

mond of the Council for Statehood has a contract with the Town House for use of a room Wednesday night and that that contract will be fulfilled.

Roberts said that threat of pickets had caused James McMane-

mon to cancel Roberts' appearance at the hotel.

McManemon today declined comment on cancellation of Roberts' appearance, saying that an earlier news story reporting that a Mr. Thurmond had called The Palm Beach Post-Times newsroom and said the speech was cancelled was "fine."

Roberts, who is staying at the Surfside Hotel, said he intended to contact attorneys and the press at Washington about the situation.

Saying that he is the great-great-grandson of a Revolutionary War soldier who fought "to establish free speech in this country," Roberts said it is the responsibility of "citizens of West Palm Beach to protect the rights of a great-great-great-grandson of a Revolutionary soldier."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1**PALM BEACH TIMES****West Palm Beach, Fla.**

Date: 4/30/63

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Author:

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**RACIAL MATTER
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758) (Do & a)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

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and letterhead memorandum dated 4/29/63.Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7
copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination.
An information copy is being furnished to Denver since
Major ARCH ROBERTS is from Fort Collins, Colorado.The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum
is [redacted]The first source utilized in the characterization
is [redacted] the second source is [redacted]Also enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies of the
hand bill, which is referred to in the letterhead memorandum.

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 1 - Denver (Enc-11) (157-31) (Info) (RM)
 3 - Miami (157-739)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
May 1, 1963

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

Major Arch Roberts

The following information has been developed regarding a speech by ARCH E. ROBERTS at the Town House Motor Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida, scheduled for 8 PM, May 1, 1963:

West Palm Beach Chief of Police WILLIAM M. BARNES ascertained through contact with [redacted] the Town House Motor Hotel, that rental arrangements for this speech had been made and paid for by [redacted] on April 29, 1963. When making rental arrangements [redacted] informed [redacted] the speech would be on anti-communism.

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According to BARNES, during the late afternoon and early evening of April 29, 1963, hand bills were distributed in the shopping center areas and including the "Palm Beach Post-Times" (a Palm Beach, Florida, newspaper) parking lot, advertising that a speech was to be given on the topic of "Why your soldier son serves under the command of a soviet communist." This bill also indicated that the speaker would be Major ARCH ROBERTS, United States Army Reserve, and was scheduled for 8 PM, Wednesday night, at the Town House.

During the evening of April 29, 1963, according to Chief BARNES, the Town House [redacted] received numerous complaint telephone calls criticizing the use of the Town House facilities for this type of speech. The complaints were so numerous, [redacted] consulted his attorney, [redacted] who advised him to cancel the arrangements and [redacted] thereafter advised [redacted]

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of the cancellation. [redacted] in turn, advised the "Palm Beach Post-Times" of the cancellation of this meeting, it being noted that a newspaper account of the speech appeared in the "Palm Beach Post-Times" morning edition, April 30, 1963.

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Chief Barnes advised that during the morning of April 30, 1963, the "Palm Beach Post-Times" was contacted by ARCH E. ROBERTS, in which he indicated that he intended to speak at the Town House as scheduled since there was a contract let for the use of a room there Wednesday night. During the morning, [redacted] also received several telephone calls critical in nature of his cancellation of this proposed meeting in which it was inferred by the callers that he, [redacted], must be sympathetic to the communist cause. On reconsulting his attorney, it was decided to allow the rental contract to be completed and the meeting is now scheduled for 8 PM, May 1, 1963, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

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[redacted] West Palm Beach representative of Army Intelligence, advised April 30, 1963, he is in receipt of a copy of a letter complaint including a copy of the hand bill being distributed relative to ARCH E. ROBERTS' proposed speech, copies of which have been sent to G-2 in Washington, D. C., and Florida Congressional representatives. The complainant in this matter is one [redacted] an instructor at Palm Beach Junior College, who is an Army Captain in the Reserve G-2, and the nature of the complaint is concerning Major ARCH E. ROBERTS' use of his rank in violation of some Army regulation.

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information came to his attention on April 30, 1963, that a meeting of the Council For Statehood was scheduled for 8 PM on April 30, 1963, at the home of [redacted] Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Major ROBERTS is scheduled to attend the meeting and make a speech.

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Local authorities, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, have been advised regarding this matter, as well as [redacted] Army Region VII, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Miami, Florida.

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On May 1, 1963, the same source advised that approximately 35 to 40 people attended the meeting at the home of [redacted] in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on the evening of April 30, 1963. Some of those in attendance included MARY DAVISON, [redacted] all of West Palm Beach, Florida; [redacted] of North Miami, Florida; [redacted] of Hialeah, Florida; and ARTHUR BOHN of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

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According to the source, the entire meeting concerned a speech by Major ARCH ROBERTS. The highlights of the speech were noted as follows:

He stated the entire country is under the United Nations, and has been since 1950. He stated there is no longer a Federal Government but a Government under the United Nations. He said approximately 50 families (not further identified) who are closely allied with the United Nations and the Council on Foreign Relations, are presently running the United States Government. He pointed out that the United Nations had to be destroyed by legislation, if possible, and if not, "you may as well call out the troops." He said that the Pentagon and Army presently have a lot of underground work going on relating to the United Nations and that he had been sent to bring the message to the people. He commented that U. S. troops are being trained all over the country for the purpose of taking over the United States Government under the United Nations. He said this fact is unknown to the American people as well as to the soldiers in the Army.

The source noted that according to MARY DAVISON, [redacted] and Major ROBERTS, threats to picket the speech in West Palm Beach on May 1, 1963, had been received.

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This matter was furnished to Chief BARNES,
West Palm Beach Police Department on the morning of
May 1, 1963.

The "Palm Beach Post," a morning daily newspaper
in West Palm Beach, Florida, by date of May 1, 1963, reports
a press conference held on April 30, 1963, with Major
ARCH E. ROBERTS, U. S. Army Reserve.

The conference was called by ROBERTS as a
prelude to his appearance at 8 PM, May 1, 1963, at the
Town House Motor Hotel, West Palm Beach, where the
topic of his address will be "Why your soldier son serves
under the command of a soviet communist."

During the conference, ROBERTS said "I have some
doubt if the president is the supreme commander of the
United States military." The article indicated that
ROBERTS' address would be on the same general subject that
got him removed from active duty in the United States Army
last April, at which time he gave an unauthorized speech
before the Daughters of the American Revolution in a
meeting in Washington, D. C.

ROBERTS classed himself as a constitutionalist
who has sworn to defend the constitution. ROBERTS claimed
he would make no wild charges during his speech, May 1,
1963, but that it would be difficult to refute documentation.

ROBERTS stated that he was invited to appear in
West Palm Beach by Miss MARY DAVISON of the Council For
Statehood, and Miss DAVISON, who was present at the press
conference, said that the Council promotes observance of
the constitution in de-emphasizing the powers of the
Federal Government.

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"WHY YOUR
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UNDER THE COMMAND
OF A
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SUBJECT OF A TALK BY

MAJOR
U.S.A.R.

ARCH E. ROBERTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 8:00 P.M.
TOWN HOUSE HOTEL WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
DONATION \$1.00

UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 3, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Previous memoranda in this case have set forth information received from the Miami Police Department which Department in turn received the information from an informant, [redacted] who was formerly operated as a Bureau informant from [redacted]

[redacted] gave a report, and we have since talked to him for the complete details, about a meeting of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., a coalition of patriotic associations, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from 4/4-6/63. The Council for Statehood was one of the organizations attending the meeting.

[redacted] indicated that the program of the Council for Statehood is to remove the influence of the Council on Foreign Relations over the U. S. Government. The Council on Foreign Relations is a private group interested in the foreign policy of the United States. According to [redacted] if legislation will not remove the influence of the Council on Foreign Relations, then the Council for Statehood will resort to selective assassinations of various groups.

It has now been established that actually [redacted] received his information from one man, [redacted] who in turn received the information from Mary M. Davison, a leader of the Council for Statehood.

Bufiles indicate that Mary Davison is in her middle sixties and has been active in various racial groups. She is a principal author and source of anti-Semitic literature disseminated throughout the United States. (157-558)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that [redacted] and Mary M. Davison be promptly and thoroughly interviewed concerning allegations that the Council for Statehood would resort to assassinations of various people if they believed such action is appropriate.

ACTION:

Appropriate instructions are being issued to the Miami Office to thoroughly and promptly interview [redacted] and Davison.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 5/2/63, and Miami
airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 5/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
7 copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for
dissemination. An information copy is being furnished
Denver, since Major ARCH ROBERTS is from Fort Collins,
Colorado.

The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum
is [redacted]

The first source utilized in the characterization
is [redacted] the second source is [redacted]
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Miami, Florida
May 2, 1963

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on May 2, 1963, that an estimated 200 to 250 people listened to a speech by Major ARCH ROBERTS at the Town House Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida, on the evening of May 1, 1963. According to the source, Major ROBERTS' appearance and speech in the West Palm Beach area was sponsored by the Council For Statehood.

The source advised that ARTHUR BOHN of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, made a speech on the constitution of the United States and various supreme court decisions. He thereafter introduced MARY DAVISON, who is head of the Council For Statehood, West Palm Beach, who in turn introduced Major ARCH ROBERTS. FLORIDA

ROBERTS spoke at length on the United Nations and how the United Nations was controlling the United States. He indicated that treason was committed against the United States by various members of the State Department (not further identified). ROBERTS said, we do not have a Federal Government, but a government under the leadership of the United Nations, and it would be necessary at some future date to rectify this situation.

It was observed by the source that no tickets were sold as previously planned, however a collection was taken. The source related that according to MARY DAVISON, the collection was taken instead of charging a fee in order to circumvent tax problems.

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The source related that literature was sold at the meeting on behalf of the Council For Statehood.

The source said he observed one individual being ejected from the meeting who was attempting to take down the proceedings through the use of a stenographic machine. He indicated that no other incidents of any nature occurred.

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 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)
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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, enclosing letterhead memorandum, dated 5/2/63.

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The first source utilized in the characterization is [redacted] the second source is [redacted]

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May 3, 1963

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

On May 2, 1963, the "Palm Beach Post," a local West Palm Beach, Florida newspaper, reported an article captioned "Roberts Blasts Military Set-up," by Anita Jones. This article is quoted as follows:

"Quoting from U. N., Department of State and Congressional documents and letters, Major Arch E. Roberts last night told about 200 people, meeting at the Town House, that 'the Constitution of the United States is being superseded by the Charter of the United Nations.'

"Roberts said that the United Nations directs deployment of U. S. troops throughout the world, that U. S. forces are being surreptitiously diverted into a U. S. army, that the commander in chief of the U. S. army 'always is and will be' a Soviet Communist, and that the U. S. State Department is 'actively engaged in promoting these ends.'

"Roberts served with Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in Germany and authored the controversial Pro-Blue program which largely led to Walker's being relieved of his command. Roberts' appearance in West Palm Beach was sponsored by the Council for Statehood and individual citizens, according to John Thurman of the Council.

"Roberts ended his hour and a half talk, interrupted several times by applause, with 'God Save the United States of America.'

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"The quiet-spoken major, near the beginning of his speech, cited his family's military background as one justification for his fight against Communist subversion of the United States.

"His great great great grandfather, William Roberts, fought in the Revolutionary War for the freedom of the country, and 'I do not purpose to relinquish this inheritance,' Roberts said.

"The major interrupted his talk near the beginning to challenge the presence of a young man who identified himself as a court reporter and was recording the major's talk on a stenotype machine. The young man declined to identify the person for whom he was recording the talk, and after prompting from the crowd, left the room.

"The U. N.'s Under Secretary for Political and Security Affairs, who since 1946 has been a Soviet, is head of the U. N. Security Police and custodian of all diplomatic documents, including the plans for the Korean war, Roberts said.

"Contrary to the provisions of the U. N. Charter, no effective committee to handle military affairs for the U. N. exists, and those duties now lie with the under secretary, he continued.

"This under secretary is the Soviet commander that Roberts referred to in titling his talk, 'Why Your Soldier Son is Serving Under the Command of a Soviet Communist.'

"One of the Russian generals who was directing Chinese troop movement in the Korean war was at that time on leave of absence from the U. N. Secretariat, Roberts maintained. He cited

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"Congressional testimony from General Mark Clark about the ability of Allied forces to win the Korean war had they been allowed to do so.

"'...Our real enemy crouches in the chambers of the United Nations where he remains concealed to this very day,' Roberts said."

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Airtel

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From: Director, FBI (157-758) -54

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Reurairtel 5/9/63.

It is not clear whether reairtel is requesting Bureau authority to interview various persons connected with the subject organization or whether you are submitting a separate communication requesting such authority.

The Bureau desires that prior to authorizing the interviews of any persons in this matter that you set forth information concerning the persons to be interviewed and what your office files show concerning them.

1 - New Orleans (Information)

1 - Omaha (Information)

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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Information has been received from a Miami Police Department informant that the program of the subject organization is to remove the influence of the Council on Foreign Relations over the present administration. The Council on Foreign Relations is a private group in New York interested in the foreign policy of the United States. Allegedly according to the informant subject group would assassinate various persons of the Council on Foreign Relations if they could not remove the influence which they exert over the administration. The two main leaders of the organization Mary Davison and [redacted] have been interviewed and they advised there are no plans for violence on the part of subject organization. Miami desires to interview other persons in order not only to conceal the informant but to also develop informants and run out the information as to assassinations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
 SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1008)
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Two copies each are being furnished to New Orleans and Omaha since information in the letterhead memorandum is of interest to both offices.

It is noted that the interviews set forth in letterhead memorandum were conducted to protect the Miami Police Department's informant; however, to further protect the identity of the source and to possibly develop sources and/or informants in the Council For Statehood, Miami is requesting Bureau authority to interview other members of the Council For Statehood who attended the New Orleans conference. This would include the following individuals:

JOHN LANIER, *[redacted]* all
 of West Palm Beach, Florida; ARTHUR BOHN and *[redacted]*
[redacted] of Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Mr. and Mrs. WALTER
 JACKSON, Boynton Beach, Florida; and *[redacted]* of
 North Miami, Florida.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. - 8) (AM) (RM)
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 (1 - 157-750) (MARY M. DAVISON)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
May 9, 1963

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

Mrs. MARY M. DAVISON, 710 Summitt Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida, during interview on May 8, 1963, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. DAVISON stated that she attended the conference of the Congress For Freedom, Inc., in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the first week of April, 1963, and that she represented her organization known as the Council For Statehood. She said that the aims and objectives of her organization, as well as those of the Congress For Freedom, are to acquaint the people of the sovereign states, through correspondence, that their constitutional rights are being taken away by Federal agencies. This correspondence is prepared and sent by her group to representatives in the various states who in turn furnish the information to influential persons, including Senators and Representatives. It is her hope that through this means there will develop an interest in the preservation of these rights with the ultimate goal of having a constitutional convention called in the future. She stated there has not been a constitutional convention for nearly 200 years and it seems necessary that the Constitution be reviewed and the individual states are permitted to assume their rightful function in the United States Government.

Mrs. DAVISON remarked that in her opinion the United Nations is in violation of the Constitution and she believes she has factual proof to back up this opinion.

Mrs. DAVISON stated that with regard to her organization, "Council For Statehood," two resolutions were passed when the organization was first formed in the Fall of 1962: (1) prohibiting speaking against the Jews and (2) prohibit the mention or discussion of any acts of violence in any form whatever. She said that she personally

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will have nothing to do with anyone who advocates or suggests any form of violence. She stated that if the present plans to arouse interest in a constitutional convention fail, the people in the various states will just have to give up. She added that there is no other possible action to take and any violent action would be completely out of the question.

Mrs. DAVISON divulged that her organization locally consists of about 20 persons who assist her in sending out her correspondence to Council For Statehood representatives in various states.

Mrs. DAVISON stated she is competent to say that all members of her local group are good citizens, none of whom believe in any acts of violence and all know full well that this is not the answer under any circumstances.

Mrs. DAVISON concluded by saying that she knows of no one, either in the "Council For Statehood", or otherwise who advocate assassinations or acts of violence of any kind in resolving differences with Federal agencies. She added that in her opinion, South Florida is less in favor of any acts of violence now than at any time in her memory.

[redacted] who is also known as [redacted]
[redacted] West Palm Beach, Florida, during
interview on May 8, 1963, furnished the following information
to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[redacted] stated that he is a member of the Council For Statehood and as a representative of this group attended a conference of the Congress For Freedom, Inc., in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the first week of April, 1963.

[redacted] stated he has no recollection of ever saying that he believed that acts of violence of any nature or assassinations would be necessary in fulfilling the purpose of the Council For Statehood. He stated that he is very much

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against any acts of this nature and would not associate with anyone or any groups advocating this action. He added that since he has been a member of the "Council For Statehood" he does not recall anyone of this group saying that violent acts may become necessary in the future.

A characterization of the Council For Statehood is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-758)

DATE: 5/31/63

FROM : SAC, Omaha (157-129) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, AKA
RACIAL MATTERS; IS - X
OO: MIAMI

Reference report SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN dated 2/8/63 at Miami; New Orleans airtel to Director, 3/12/63; Omaha radiogram to New Orleans, 4/5/63 (IO); Miami airtels to Director, 4/25/63 and 5/9/63; and Bureau airtel to Miami, 5/15/63.

As Miami has been previously advised no active investigation has been conducted by Omaha concerning [redacted]

[redacted] Omaha, Nebraska, or the Congress of Freedom, Inc., of which [redacted] No affiliation between the Congress of Freedom (COF) and subject organization was known prior to this year's April convention of the COF at New Orleans.

A review of Omaha files concerning the COF reflects annual conventions of this organization to have taken place since 1953, and it has been described as a coalition of "right wing" organizations consisting of representatives and delegates from patriotic and freedom-loving organizations throughout the United States.

Although [redacted] according to Miami source, was listed as one of the principal speakers in the COF convention program, he was not identified by this source as actually having spoken to the convention.

In view of the above no investigation is being conducted concerning the COF or [redacted] and Bureau authorization is not being requested for an interview of [redacted] UACB.

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To: SAC, Miami (157-739)
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From: Director, FBI (157-758) - 56

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Reurairtel 5/28/63.

Bureau authority is granted to interview the individuals listed in reairtel to obtain information on their part concerning any plans for violence on the part of subject group as well as to protect the identity of the Miami informant.

Following the interviews submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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Miami Police Department informant [redacted] furnished information that at a meeting of subject group in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1963, he ascertained that subject group would resort to assassinations if the influence of the Council for Foreign Affairs over the U. S. Government could not be removed by legislation. We have interviewed two of the principal figures of the Council for Statehood without receiving substantiation of this information. Miami desires to interview other persons connected with this organization in order to run out this information and to protect the identity of the informant.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)
 RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka
 RM: IS-X
 OO: Miami

Report of ROBERT W. WISEMAN dated 2/8/63 at Miami, Miami airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/63, and Bureau airtel to Miami dated 5/15/63.

Referenced Miami airtel dated 5/9/63 enclosed, in letterhead memo form the results of interviews with MARY M. DAVISON and [redacted] conducted to resolve certain violent actions which allegedly had been discussed during the meeting of the Congress For Freedom, Inc. in New Orleans, Louisiana, during April 1963. In order to further resolve these allegations and possibly develop sources and/or informants within captioned organization, this same referenced airtel requested Bureau authority to interview other members of captioned organization who also were in attendance at the New Orleans meeting and to also further protect the Miami Police Department informant who was in attendance.

These individuals are: REC-5 157-758-2

JOHN F. LANIER, realtor at West Palm Beach, Florida, who has been in regular attendance at group meetings and is further described on page 97 of referenced report dated 2/8/63.

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[redacted] member of Board of Directors
and currently [redacted] of the organization
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active member, member of the Board of
Directors, and who is further described
on page 96 of referenced report.

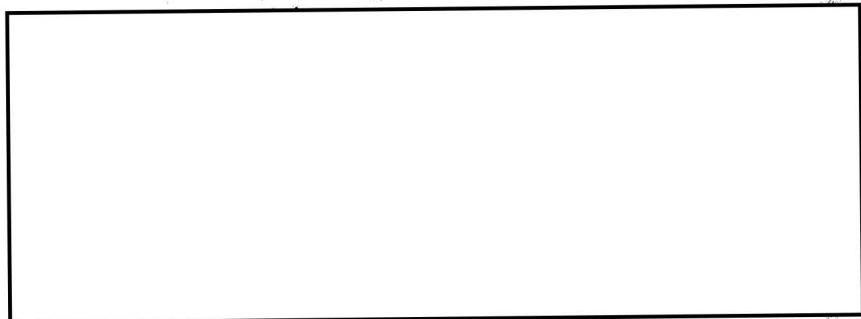
Mr. & Mrs. WALTER B. JACKSON (EMILY), of
Boynton Beach, Florida, active members who
have been providing their home in Boynton
Beach, Florida, for a majority of the
meetings of this organization, and who are
further described on page 97 of the referenced
report.

ARTHUR JOHN JOSEPH BOHN, a Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida, attorney, active in this group and one
of the principal speakers at the New Orleans
meeting attacking the United Nations and
advocate of a plan to force the withdrawal of
the US from the UN by having the US Supreme
Court declare the acts of the President and the
US Senate unconstitutional and void ad initio,
which made the US a signatory member of the
UN. This person is further identified on page
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[redacted] of Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida, an active member of this group and
[redacted] Miami, Florida,
who is reportedly [redacted]
for this organization.

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Miami Office files show no additional information regarding above listed individuals except that they have been active in captioned organization.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the above listed individuals.

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-758)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-739) (P)

COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka;
 THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.
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Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 4/24/63, and Miami
 airtel and letterhead memorandum, 4/25/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a
 letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for New Orleans and Omaha is one copy
 each of letterhead memorandum.

[REDACTED] obtained
 from J. A. MILTEER in Ga., tape recordings of the speeches
 by various speakers at the National Session of The Congress
 of Freedom, Inc., held in New Orleans, La., April 4, 5 and 6,
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The tape recordings have been reviewed by the Miami Office and results set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum. It is noted none of the recordings related to any secret or closed door meetings.

For the information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that AUSTIN T. FLETT of Chicago, Ill., who was scheduled to address the Session at 3:30 PM, 4/5/63, introduced GUY BANASTER as a close friend and former Agent in Charge of the FBI, Chicago. Prior to his speech, FLETT asked BANASTER to stand and take a bow. It is noted BANASTER did not make any statement and did not address the Session.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
June 5, 1963

RE: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD;
THE CONGRESS OF FREEDOM, INC.

On April 4, 5, and 6, 1963, The Congress of Freedom, Inc., held its 12th national annual session at the Fontainebleau Motor Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana. According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program, Doctor ARTHUR G. BLAZEY was scheduled to address the session as the keynote speaker, 10:30 a.m. on April 4, 1963. Background information regarding Doctor BLAZEY, as reflected in the program, stated he is serving his second year as the Chairman of The Congress for Freedom, Inc., and has been a member of the Board of Directors, since the Congress was founded in 1954. He is also an active member of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons. He has been responsible for the organization of a third political party in Indiana and is identified with several conservative political organizations. He served as a Major during World War II.

The address by Doctor BLAZEY was tape recorded and highlights of his address as noted in a review of the recording are set forth as follows:

Doctor BLAZEY's address primarily concerned the Federal Health Program with reference to the Federal Income Tax and the Federal Reserve Banking System. He was critical of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for their handling of the Medical Health Program. On numerous occasions, he referred to various scriptures in the Bible in making his point relating to the Federal Health Program. Doctor BLAZEY criticized the Veterans Administration and indicated there are many veterans who are receiving disability compensations who are not entitled to such compensations.

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He also criticized the flu shots, saying the Government made a big thing about the flu shots which were only effective for two different viruses of the 48 known flu viruses.

According to the schedule of events as set forth in the program, Mrs. WILLARD HEDRICK, of Houston, Texas, was scheduled to address the Session at 2:30 p.m. on April 4, 1963. Background information regarding Mrs. HEDRICK, as reflected in the program, indicated she was a former teacher and National Director of Speaker's Institute, Chicago; World War II Director of Harris County War Service Speakers Bureau; National Secretary, Minute Women of the USA, Inc.; former Secretary and now Director of The Congress of Freedom, Inc.; and Convention Chairman of the Houston session of The Congress For Freedom, Inc.

The address by Mrs. HEDRICK was tape recorded and highlights of her address as noted in a review of the recording are set forth as follows:

Mrs. HEDRICK spoke on the Christian heritage of this country, stating that the preservation of a land depends on the personal relationship of her members without reference to Government. She stated are early forefathers helped to form our country on Christianity and our country was great because of the quality of the people who helped to develop this country. In outlining what one can do. Mrs. HEDRICK referred to [redacted]

She stated [redacted] in obtaining his Masters Degree, wrote a thesis on the "Christian Philosophy of PATRICK HENRY." She said copies of this thesis has been mimeographed and are available to interested individuals.

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B. APPROX.

ATTORNEY *ARTHUR BOHN*
According to the Schedule of Events, as set forth in the program, ARTHUR J. J. BOHN, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was scheduled to address the convention at 3:30 P.M. Background information regarding BOHN, as reflected in the program, describes him as 53 years old, born in St. Louis, Missouri, a graduate of Harvard and Washington University Law School, and a practicing lawyer in Ft. Lauderdale for the past eleven years. He has been Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and an executive member of the Florida Bar Committee on Communist Tactics.

The address by BOHN was tape recorded and he discussed his plan "to force the United States out of the United Nations." He advised that he had been working on his plan since 1955 and on July 31, 1961, sent a letter to the Governors of all the states in the United States. This letter sets forth his plan and is quoted as follows:

"FLORIDA AND MISSOURI BAR COPY TELEPHONE JA 2-0763

"ARTHUR J. J. BOHN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
801 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

"The purpose of this letter is to outline a plan designed to force the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations, by having the Supreme Court of the United States declare unconstitutional and void ab initio the acts of the President and the Senate which made the United States a signatory member of that international organization.

"The plan requires a suit to be filed directly in the Supreme Court requesting such a declaration, the original jurisdiction of said Court being invoked by the joinder as plaintiffs of at least one citizen and one State of the United States. The joinder of a State would by itself invoke said original jurisdiction, but a citizen should also join so that the requested declaration would vindicate the separate, sovereign, reserved rights of the States and the separate, sovereign,

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reserved and inalienable rights of the citizens,
under both the Constitution and the Declaration
of Independence.

"The basic legal charge that the said acts of
the President and the Senate were unconstitutional
and therefore void ab initio would rest upon the
easily established premise that the provisions of
the United Nations Charter changed the United States
Constitution and violated numerous of its provisions.

"It is not the purpose of this letter to serve as
a legal brief. However, it should be said for both
layman and lawyer alike that it has been held in
many cases by the Supreme Court of the United
States that ' . . . a treaty cannot change the
Constitution or be held valid if it is in violation
of that instrument' and that 'This results from
the nature and fundamental principles of our govern-
ment.' Cherokee Tobacco vs. U.S., 78 U.S. 227, l. c.
229. It has also been held by that Court that a
treaty cannot change our form of government, since
this can only be done validly by amending the
Constitution in accordance with its amendment
provisions.

"Since the participation of the United States in
the United Nations was effected under the treaty-
making powers of the President with the advice and
consent of the Senate, exercised on the ostensible
assumption that the United Nations Charter constituted
a treaty document, the aforementioned rules of law
are clearly applicable, if the Supreme Court should
attempt to hold that said Charter was in fact a
treaty.

"However, a much stronger legal position should
first be asserted in the proposed suit, to-wit,
that the United Nations Charter was not a treaty at
all, but rather that it was a Constitution forming a
world government with powers superior to and destructive
of our National, State and individual governments as
they had pre-existed under our Constitutions and the
reserved and inalienable rights of the people. If

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such a legal position could be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court, the acts of the President and the Senate in attempting to effect our participation in and our formation of such a new world government would be even more obviously unconstitutional and void under the same principles of law.

"It is earnestly suggested that the United Nations Charter did in fact create a new world government by the employment of a duplicity of language which has so far apparently been undiscovered. It is generally conceded that people create governments and governments create treaties. A careful reading of the preamble of the United Nations Charter reveals that its real hidden sense is that 'We, the peoples of the United Nations . . . hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.' The master-stroke of duplicity of language which will be found in the phrase, 'Accordingly, our respective governments . . .', is that while it conveys the idea that the respective National governments are solely involved and thus provides the controlled thought which has prevailed for sixteen years to the effect that the document is simply a treaty between nations, it simultaneously, but nevertheless quite clearly, expresses the hitherto undiscovered idea that the individual governments of each of the people have formed a new government. It is a little known and less taught and therefore obscure principle that insofar as an individual citizen of the United States has not consented to be governed, he is a sovereign, independent government in his own right. It was this principle which Alger Hiss and the other scribes of the Charter were also embracing within the phrase 'our respective governments', so as to produce a document which could be advanced to the President and the Senate under the guise of a treaty and which would yet contain the sufficiency of language to support it as a world government constitution. Irrespective of whether the Charter is held to be a constitution for world government or a treaty between nations, there can be no doubt that in its expressed

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powers and the exercise thereof since its inception, this 'international organization' has acted as a world government, superior to and destructive of all of our pre-existing constitutional forms of government. Although examples are legion, a few should suffice to illustrate the point for the purposes of this letter. Such examples are that huge sums of our federal government's monies and huge stockpiles of its tangible property, derived from the States and the citizens, are poured into the coffers of this international organization, without an appropriation by our Congress and more often than not used for purposes alien to our best interests, such as the recent gift of over one million dollars from the United Nations Special Fund to Cuba, of which amount the United States was required to provide 40%; that when our own armed forces are employed as United Nations troops, a Russian general and not our Chief Executive is their Commander-In-Chief; that our country is permitted to defend itself solely against armed attack, but only until the United Nations takes action in the matter with its own troops and that during the interim all of our defensive action, plans and strategy must be reported to the Russian general commander-in-chief of the United Nations military staff; and that our Chief Executive is made completely subservient to the dictates of the United Nations Security Council against our own National, State and individual interests under the United Nations Participation Act.

"The writer is convinced that our participation in the United Nations suspended our Constitutional Republican form of government and temporarily supplanted it with a world government which imminently threatens to destroy us entirely. Until our participation is ended, the Federal and State governments and the people are bound and ruled not by our own Constitutions but by the United Nations Charter and all of its self-executing involvements as the supreme law of the land. The Supreme Court of the United States is required by the Constitution of the United States

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to regard the United Nations Charter as the supreme law of the land. Many of its recent decisions, while debateably beyond the legitimate scope of our Federal Constitution, are nevertheless completely vindicated and required by the provisions of the United Nations Charter. For this reason, it is suggested that the doctrine of interposition and the purposes of the Texas Resolution and the Virginia Plan cannot be licitly invoked at this time and that there can be no apt criticism of the Supreme Court for its decisions in the so-called segregation cases, all of which are compelled under the United Nations Charter, even though not supportable under the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

"In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the ratification of the United Nations Charter under the apparent authority of the United States, temporarily surrendered the pre-existing constitutional rights of our people, our States and our Nation to the superior powers of the international organization. Under the acknowledged legal principle that a law enacted by apparent governmental authority is enforceable and presumed to be valid until declared invalid by competent judicial review, said rights will remain temporarily suspended until the acts effecting our participation in the United Nations are so declared to be unconstitutional and void.

"This letter is being sent to the Honorable Governors of the respective States and also to other known dedicated American patriots, in the fervent hope that as many of the States as possible will join in the filing of the proposed suit for the restoration of our sovereignties as they were intended to be and as many of us have mistakenly presumed them to be still existing.

"This is an individual effort, so that time and facilities do not permit of the formal, personal presentation which the dignity of the correspondents and the subject matter would deserve.

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"I will be most grateful to receive such replies as may be deemed fit and proper.

"Respectfully yours,

"(Signed) In Ink ARTHUR J. J. BOHN
"Arthur J. J. Bohn
"Attorney"

BOHN stated that he had received twenty responses to this letter, some were hostile and some noncommittal. He stated that the Attorney General of Florida has agreed in writing with the legal basis of his plan, stating it was valid. He advised that a suit could not be instituted without the sanction of a State Government and so far no State Government has elected to file the suit although no valid criticism of his plan has been advocated. Bohn discussed his plan at length and said the easiest way to get out of the United Nations is for Congress to say "we are declared out".

According to the Schedule of Events, as set forth in the program, Dr. REVILLO P. OLIVER, Urbana, Illinois, was scheduled to address the convention at 8:00 P.M., on April 4, 1963. Background information regarding OLIVER as reflected in the program, described him as a Professor of the Classics at the University of Illinois. He was born in Texas, went to school in Illinois and California, and obtained a degree of PhD. at Illinois. For many years he has taught and for a number of years he gave graduate courses in Spanish and Italian. He is described as a scholar of international reputation, has traveled extensively and has published scholarly articles in four languages. During World War II he was Director of Research in a secret agency in the War Department and was cited for outstanding service to his country. He is described as one of the few college professors who are speaking publicly against Communism.

Dr. OLIVER discussed the case history of FIDEL CASTRO from CASTRO's early beginning and up to the present time. He clearly pointed out that CASTRO was a known Communist many years prior to taking over Cuba. In addition,

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Dr. OLIVER discussed ROMULO BETANCOURT of Venezuela, describing him as the Communist's most able and trusted servant in South America working under the pretext of carrying out needed social reforms at the expense of American taxpayers.

[redacted] from Greenville, South Carolina, was not scheduled to address the Congress of Freedom in view of previous commitments; however, he addressed the convention on April 4, 1963. His address was tape recorded and the highlights, as noted in a review of the recording, are as follows:

[redacted] stated he had just arrived from California where he had been conducting a seminar and that he was requested to address the Congress of Freedom regarding "Operation Water Moccasin." [redacted] related that according to the Army, "Operation Water Moccasin" would be a specialized graduation exercise conducted by the special warfare school at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The exercise was to take place between March 7 and March 22, 1963, at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and according to the Army, would involve 450 students plus 200 soldiers from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, to participate in the exercise as the aggressors.

[redacted] stated that the Army Corps of Engineers had requested and obtained the use of approximately one million five hundred thousand acres of land located in the vicinity of Ft. Stewart, Georgia, which was to be used for the exercise. In addition, civilians in the area were to assist the Army during the exercise and that local radio stations would broadcast reports of the exercise. [redacted] stated that on March 5, 1963, the Army at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, called off the plans for civilian participation in the guerrilla warfare because of public protest.

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[redacted] advised that he has documented proof that 16 foreign allied nations were to participate in this exercise along with 25 to 30 thousand soldiers. This, he said, was 19 to 24 thousand foreigners from 16 foreign nations that were being used in the exercise and which was unknown to the general public. He said the exercise was canceled because of the numerous letters of protest sent to the Georgia Congressmen concerning this military exercise.

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According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program of the 12th Annual National Session of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., [redacted] of Keefer, Oklahoma, was scheduled to address the session at [redacted]. Background information regarding [redacted] as set forth in the program, describes him as a [redacted]

[redacted] which he regards as a somewhat different approach to the communist problem. He believes that communist conspiracy has tentacles which reach from the highest to the lowest branches of government, and that drastic counter measures are necessary if America is to survive.

The address by [redacted] was tape recorded and highlights of his address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

[redacted] started his address by reviewing a letter he sent to President KENNEDY, [redacted] regarding the Cuba situation. In his letter to the President, [redacted] referred to an article appearing in Time Magazine which reflected shipments of dried milk had been sent to Cuba, but that America has failed to remove the missiles from Cuba. In his letter, [redacted] referred to Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, stating that the Attorney General was busy collecting "bundles" for CASTRO instead of enforcing the laws of the land as prescribed by Congress. He stated such action on the part of ROBERT KENNEDY should be prosecuted. [redacted] stated he was among millions of American farmers who was opposed to milking cows and shucking corn for CASTRO. He said it was an increased tax burden for all of us. [redacted] stated, "If we have our own CASTRO in Washington, what are we going to do about it?"

In his address to the convention, [redacted] stated that there are no longer democrats or republicans in this

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country. He stated the country is being run by collaborators under the Five Star General, EISENHOWER, who is presently trying to find a way to get back in the White House. [redacted] was critical of President EISENHOWER and stated EISENHOWER was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the People to People, Inc., who is stealing the Liberty Memorial, which was erected in Kansas City, Missouri, as a tribute to World War II veterans. [redacted] advised that he had written to General EISENHOWER regarding this matter, but had received no acknowledgment. [redacted] also criticized former President HARRY TRUMAN and stated TRUMAN gave EISENHOWER a quarter of a million dollars. He went on to say that he could document everything that he says.

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[redacted] referred to arms control and disarmament and stated he was opposed to any disarmament and we should find out who is responsible for the trouble this country is in.

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[redacted] was very critical of Attorney General KENNEDY and referred to him as a "nitwit" stating that KENNEDY was more interested in the integration problems than in finding and identifying the ten thousand communists presently in the United States.

[redacted] advised that he was for General WALKER one hundred percent and stated that General WALKER's assistant, General CLYDE WATTS, would be in New Orleans on Saturday to speak to this session.

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[redacted] suggested calling a Federal Grand Jury to indict some of the people who are doing wrong and said BOBBY KENNEDY does not control the Grand Jury. [redacted] suggested that KENNEDY be impeached and be put in jail as KENNEDY has violated the law.

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MARY DAVISON

According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program of the 12th Annual National Session of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., MARY M. DAVISON, of West Palm Beach, Florida, was scheduled to address the session at 10:30 AM, April 5, 1963. Background information regarding DAVISON, as reflected in the program, describes her as the secretary of the Council of American Relations, author of widely read "Letters to a Senator," recognized authority on Council of Foreign Relations. She is also editor of the Council for Statehood the series of communications to the legislators and governors of the 50 states of the union. These have for their purpose the calling of a constitutional convention to save the states from the Federal Government's usurpation.

The address by MARY DAVISON was tape recorded and highlights of her address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

DAVISON discussed the Council of Foreign Relations, stating that it was about to break up and she could not see how they could continue to operate in view of the security they work under. She said a new organization is being set up to take over the Council of Foreign Relations and this organization is known as the Hudson Institute, with headquarters in an IBM building between Yorktown and White Plains, New York. She revealed that the Hudson Institute is reportedly a non-profit research organization concerned with problems of national and international order. The function being to conduct and support studies designed to produce an informal analysis relating to national security and international order.

DAVISON discussed this organization at length and was critical of its purposes. She said the organization was being supported by Government and private industry

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contracts and has as its principal aim, training people for government and these people in turn formulating government policy. She stated this group is destined to destroy our present government.

DAVISON also discussed a letter reportedly from a high ranking member of the armed services, who was in agreement with her letters to the various senators and this individual stated he would not go to war if called on by the United Nations. DAVISON continued by speaking about the United Nations and said the Russians have permanent lease on the military establishment of the United Nations and that the United Nations must be stopped before a complete takeover of our military establishments. DAVISON related that the Russians could call up at any time for any purpose whatsoever and send to any place in the world, our military. She related that international peace and security has nothing to do with the United Nations and described them as a "lame brain bunch of traitors."

DAVISON also discussed her letters to U. S. Senators, which she described as highly successful, but stated she had failed to bring her views to the attention of the state representatives. She said it is now their function to inform the state representatives concerning the crimes of the Federal Government.

She stated they have representatives in approximately 36 states of the United States who help pay for and distribute her weekly letter to state congressmen and representatives.

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According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program of the 12th Annual National Session of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., the [redacted] of Houston, Texas, was scheduled to address the convention at [redacted] PM on [redacted]. Background information regarding [redacted] as reflected in the program, describes him as [redacted]

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The address by [redacted] was tape recorded and highlights of his address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

[redacted] address was primarily limited to the Christian principles of conduct as related to law and government. He stated law is an important part of Christian life. He said that we have to answer to God for what we do and for that reason we must realize what we are doing.

[redacted] said he was opposed to the Supreme Court's prohibition against praying and felt the Supreme Court should not have become involved in this matter. He stated we should not try to prove we are right by proving that others are wrong.

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[redacted] stated that the power in the United States is with the county government rather than

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the state or national government. He stated the county government has the power to use force to make its people conform to God's law. He pointed out the importance of county government, since there are more than 2,000 counties in the United States, which makes for much less centralization of governmental power. He also pointed out that the county sheriff has the power to deputize every able-bodied man within his county.

According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program of the 12th Annual National Session of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., AUSTIN T. FLETT, of Chicago, Illinois, was scheduled to address the session at 3:30 PM, on April 5, 1963. Background information regarding FLETT, as set forth in the program, describes Mr. FLETT as an insurance broker of Chicago and a sales executive with the United States Cold Storage Corporation. He was scheduled to speak on the United States as a communist satellite nation.

The address by FLETT was tape recorded and highlights of his address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

FLETT addressed the session by stating he had made numerous trips to Washington, D. C., contacted several high government officials, including the Agricultural Department, the Treasury Department, the Department of Justice and other agencies. He advised that his statements would be based on his testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 1956 and 1957, and the Senate Committee on Internal Security in 1958.

He advised that much of his information has been suppressed by high government officials because of

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the people in government and business whom he has identified as being part of a communist conspiracy to take over the United States. FLETT discussed at length the Cooperatives, which he defined as a group of people who joined together for mutual aid and benefit. He said the United States is being led through deceit towards a one world citizenship through the use of federal funds.

FLETT noted that he has not paid his federal income tax since 1955, and he has so informed the Internal Revenue Bureau, in order that he will be prosecuted, at which time he will bring to the attention of the court the illegal use of federal funds. He stated he does not recommend that we not pay our income taxes, as this would result in chaos. However, in the event your taxes have not been paid, he suggests using the words "paid in protest" at such time as you file your income taxes. He went on to say that he is trying to expose officials of the Treasury Department who are guilty of criminal acts in the collection and disbursement of public funds which are being collected and disbursed in violation of federal laws, to overthrow the government of the United States of America.

FLETT talked at length on the failure of the Cooperatives to pay federal income tax and that he has brought this matter to the attention of the Internal Revenue Department. He related that many people who work for the cooperatives are completely un-informed of the real purpose of the Cooperatives.

FLETT stated if we lose this fight we lose our savings, personal property, and there will be no wages paid for labor and no profit for employers. All profit in funds produced from various work in this movement will belong to the movement and not to the individuals.

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He said our children will belong to the Communist Party, dominated and raised in public institutions until they are old enough to be put in a trade or put to work. He stated we will be told when and how to work in order to produce the bare necessities of life, as there will be no trade or migration between nations. He stated people, both skilled and unskilled, will be moved from country to country by zone commanders with the result that our present standard of living will be dissolved.

FLETT went on to say that we can win this fight by exposing this conspiracy to the people of the United States, which will result in a mass protest in the use of public funds to overthrow and destroy our country.

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According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program of the 12th Annual National Session of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY, JR., of New York City, was scheduled to address the convention at 8 PM on April 5, 1963. Background information regarding MONTGOMERY, as set forth in the program, described him as being born in North Dakota on July 8, 1897. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1923, and has practiced law in New York City since that date. He was a United States Naval Flyer in World War I, and is the author of "The Return of Adam Smith," and also the author of the book entitled, "Why Bertrand Russell is not a Christian."

The address by MONTGOMERY was tape recorded and highlights of his address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

MONTGOMERY titled his address "America, a Nation of Children." He described a confession of himself as a childish adult relating to the presidential election in the fall of 1960. He stated at that time he saw something in President KENNEDY and voted for him. He said President KENNEDY has failed to live up to his expectations and during his address, MONTGOMERY was critical of President KENNEDY's handling of the Bay of Pigs, the Berlin Wall, Laos, the B-70 Program, and BEN BELLA, who received a 21 gun salute when he recently came to the United States.

MONTGOMERY had two predictions to make:

- (1) By the fall of 1964, the Marines will be mobilized and the entire military force of the United States will be prepared to attack Cuba; (2) By October, 1964, there will be a wholesale firing of administrative advisors to the White House and at this time he expects to see numerous photographs of the President and the President's father, just prior to the next presidential election.

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According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program, STEVE STAHL of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was scheduled to address the convention at 9:30 AM, on April 6, 1963. Background information regarding STAHL, as set forth in the program, describes him as Executive Trustee and Founder of the Investors' Union of America, which is described as a nationwide movement to bring the great host of Americans together and in closer relationship with Congress. He is reportedly a native of Oklahoma City and has been Executive Vice-President of the Public Expenditures Council of Oklahoma and he received the award of the George Washington Freedoms Foundation in 1959 for his "Voice of the Tax Payer" television series on economic education and again in 1962 for his speech "Responsible Citizenship - America's Most Urgent Need." He is further described as a veteran of World War I and has been affiliated with the Citizens Tax Payer Movement for the past 25 years.

The address by Mr. STAHL was tape recorded and highlights of his address, as noted in a review of the recording, are set forth as follows:

He said that the American citizen must be interested in the tax problem both on a local and national level and stated our real danger is at home where we have traded the Monroe Doctrine for a Moscow doctrine and permitted a Communist Gibraltar 90 miles from our shores. He stated we have traded the Declaration of Independence for interdependence.

He continued to discuss the financial problems of the United States Government and said we are technically broke today since we have only 16 billion in gold, while the nation is 17 billion short of being able to meet its gold commitments. He said this threat appears to be a greater threat to our nation than the atomic bomb. He continued

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by saying we should not charge our bills to our children and grandchildren. STAHL stated that no bankrupt nation has ever won a war, and that economic strength is every bit as important as military might in this conflict with the Kremlin, and which shows no hope of ending in the near future.

STAHL also discussed Social Security, stating that it is running in the red to the amount of 278 billion, and, therefore, he did not agree with President KENNEDY's proposed legislation regarding medical care for the aged through Social Security. STAHL also criticized federal aid to education and stated it was one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation being considered by Congress. He continued by stating that many states are going broke by trying to match state funds with the "federal credit card."

STAHL advised that it is important to let your Congressman and Representative know how you feel regarding these matters and that federal laws are being written by pressure groups. He estimated that at the present time there are approximately two thousand conservative groups in the United States, and if they are concentrated on the same problem at one time by contacting their Representatives and Congressmen, the conservatives would be most successful.

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According to the schedule of events, as set forth in the program, OPAL TANNER ~~WHITE~~, of Los Angeles, California, was scheduled to address the Convention at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 1963. Background information regarding Mrs. WHITE, as set forth in the program, describes her as a native of Illinois and the daughter of WILLIAM E. TANNER. Mrs. WHITE has served as Secretary for the Editor of the "Indianapolis News." She is now a Hollywood housewife, speaker at many anti-Communist meetings, and active in the National Committee to Impeach Members of the Supreme Court.

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The address by Mrs. WHITE was tape recorded and highlights as noted in a review of this recording is set forth as follows:

During her address, Mrs. WHITE made numerous references to the Bible and suggested we all turn to God for guidance. She stated she had recently been in Washington, D. C., where she had attended conferences relating to the management and mis-management of news information from the Federal Government. She noted it is important for all to speak the truth.

Mrs. WHITE stated that when she was in Washington she assisted in the filing of three petitions. The first petition called for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice EARL WARREN and certain other members of the Supreme Court. The second petition called for the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations. Mrs. WHITE stated that these two petitions were filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mr. ROBERTS. Mrs. WHITE related that the third petition requested congressional investigation regarding the mis-treatment and mis-handling of General EDWIN A. WALKER which describes it as the most flagrant violation of man's personal liberties to take place in our time. Mrs. WHITE said that the third petition was filed with Mr. DAVIS, Chief Counsel of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate.

Mrs. WHITE noted that it was her observation from contacts with various senators and congressmen that it is important that every patriot in the country should not hesitate to write to their congressman and senator concerning problems of Government and their handling or mis-handling of these problems.

On April 6, 1963, General CLYDE T. ~~WATTS~~, who presently resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, arrived in New Orleans on April 6, 1963, to address the Convention at the request of the Convention Chairman ~~GEORGE SOULE~~.

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The address by General WATTS was tape recorded and a review of this recording reflects he spoke at length regarding the liberalism of our Government. He said that at the present time America is in the psychological war phase of World War III. He stated America has been on the down-grade since prior to the end of World War II and America is presently being encircled by the Communists. He stated Communism has taken over Cuba, will soon take over Mexico, followed by Communist take-over of Canada.

General WATTS stated he is the attorney for General EDWIN A. WALKER and has been a friend of General WALKER for the past 35 years. General WATTS spoke at length regarding General WALKER's military background and history and then discussed General WALKER's involvement in the Oxford, Mississippi, incident. He stated General WALKER has been accused of starting the riot at Oxford, but at the time the riot started General WALKER was having dinner in an Oxford cafe. General WATTS discussed at length the arrest of General WALKER and WALKER's incarceration and subsequent release.

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Re Bureau airtel to Miami, 6/5/63; Miami airtel
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD

[redacted]
Miami, Florida, during interview on June 21, 1963, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that there is no such organization as the Council for Statehood. She stated that a group of people merely subscribe to and sponsor an information letter under this caption. [redacted] states that the purpose of this council is to inform various legislators of any deviation from the United States Constitution and to keep them advised of current legislative and political trends.

[redacted] said that neither she nor the Council for Statehood advocate any form of violence to attain their purpose. She advised she has no idea how many subscribers to the council's letter there are in the Miami area, and further, that she holds no position in the council.

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR STATEHOOD, aka
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Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 6/5/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning captioned matter. Two copies are being furnished the New Haven Office for information and assistance in covering their leads. One information copy is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office in view of their current investigation captioned, [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS."

For the information of the New Haven Office refer to the report of SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN dated February 8, 1963, under the above caption. Referenced Bureau airtel authorized the interview of all persons from captioned organization who attended the convention of the Congress of Freedom, Inc., at New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, 1963, through April 6, 1963.

Miami investigation has developed allegations that acts of violence against Jews have been discussed during meetings and at the New Orleans convention.

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Information was developed attributed to MARY M. DAVISON and [redacted] of captioned group that assassinations may be necessary if the influence of the Council on Foreign Affairs over the policies of the United States Government could not be mitigated through legislation. The Council on Foreign Affairs is a private group with headquarters in New York and is interested in the foreign policy of the United States.

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Mr. and Mrs. WALTER B. JACKSON, 728 N. E. 9th Avenue, Boynton Beach, Florida, have held several meetings of captioned group at their home and were in attendance at the New Orleans convention. The JACKSONS reside for the summer months at 4 France Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

New Haven interview Mr. and Mrs. WALTER B. JACKSON and submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Bureau and two copies to Miami.

The Miami Office will interview [redacted]
[redacted] North Miami, Florida, upon her return to this city.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
June 24, 1963

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[redacted]
North Palm Beach, Florida, during interview on June 14, 1963, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[redacted] stated that she did attend the conference for the Congress of Freedom which met in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the first week of April, 1963, but not as a representative of the Council for Statehood since she had dropped out of this organization several weeks previously. She explained that she was formerly a member of the John Birch Society and there became acquainted with Mary Davison, who is the leader for the Council for Statehood. [redacted] advised that both [redacted] became tired of so many meetings and so much repetition and severed their connection with both organizations. [redacted] stated she had promised Mary Davison, however, to furnish some transportation to New Orleans and went merely to keep her promise.

[redacted] advised she has no knowledge of any closed or secret meetings at New Orleans and does not recall anyone saying or hinting that acts of violence or assassinations might become necessary if all legal means to halt the spread of communism in this country failed. She added that all of the meetings of the Council for Statehood that she attended were devoted entirely to discussions relating to State's Rights, the United Nations, and certain Supreme Court decisions and that there was no discussion at anytime indicating that the Council for Statehood would ever resort to any acts of violence. According

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to [redacted] the principal purpose of the Council for Statehood is to inform and educate the individual state leaders to the dangers of not standing up for their States Rights with the hope to enlist enough support by the states to call a Constitutional Convention in the near future. The means to bring this about are letters and printed literature prepared by Mary Davison and others during the discussion meetings.

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[redacted] West
Palm Beach, Florida, during interview on June 17, 1963, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[redacted] advised that he has been an active member in the Council for Statehood since its formation by Mrs. Mary Davison in October, 1962, and that he attended the convention of the Congress for Freedom in New Orleans, Louisiana during April, 1963, as a representative of this group. [redacted] explained that this is a subscription and solicitation organization and not actually a membership group in the true sense of the word.

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[redacted] pointed out that at their first meeting, they made two resolutions: One, that no acts of violence would be discussed or contemplated by this group or any individual member and, secondly, there would be no anti-Jewish discussions or acts by any member of the group. These resolutions were passed and the violation of either would cause the expulsion of the party or parties responsible. [redacted] stated that all their efforts are directed towards acquainting interested people with this group's feelings to the dangers of communism, and its spread in the United States and the means used are letters and booklets prepared by Mrs. Davison. The main objective is to acquaint leaders in state governments with the dangers of certain Federal actions and to get support to call a Constitutional Convention to resolve some of the problems and to gain States Rights which have been lost over the years.

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[redacted] stated there has been no discussion of any possible threats or acts of violence during any of

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the meetings of the Council for Statehood and further that he has no knowledge of any discussions at the New Orleans meeting in April, 1963, which pertained to the assassination of anyone by anyone at this meeting and definitely there was no such statement made by any member of the Council for Statehood group. [redacted] stated that two persons have been expelled from the Council for Statehood for making violent and anti-Jewish statements in violation of the resolutions. and these persons were [redacted] and [redacted] does not recall any specific statements made by these two person only that they were against the resolution.

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[redacted] stated that the Council for Statehood does not advocate any overthrow of the United States Government, neither do they advocate any acts of violence to accomplish their means which are clearly set forth in letters and other materials which are sent out to interested persons throughout the United States.

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Mr. John F. Lanier, 820 Ridgeland Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida, during interview on June 17, 1963, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

At the reception of the interview, Mr. Lanier stated that he wished to clearly state that he is a loyal American in all respects, past President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Local Chapter, is 80 years old and has spent his lifetime in the interest of the United States. He would never affiliate himself with anyone advocating force or violence to achieve their aims and is a firm believer in due course of law under the Constitution. Mr. Lanier admits that he is an active participant in the activities of the Council for Statehood and believes that this group, under Mrs. Mary Davison, are performing a valuable service to our country in attempting to awaken the public to the threat of communism and to the inroads that the Federal Government has made with regard to sovereign State Rights.

Mr. Lanier stated that the objective of the Council for Statehood is to get the support of states to call a Constitutional Convention at which time the inroads made by

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Federal Government can, and will be resolved and State sovereignty re-established as it was meant to be under our Constitution.

Mr. Lanier states that the Council for Statehood as a group and with the help of their attorney, Mr. Bohn of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, have made sure that everything they are doing is entirely legal. Mr. Lanier states there has never been any discussion at any of the Council for Statehood meetings concerning the use of any violent acts or assassinations to accomplish their purpose and that this type of discussion never occurred at the meeting of the Congress of Freedom in New Orleans, Louisiana, during April, 1963. Mr. Lanier added that at an early meeting at the Council for Statehood, they passed resolutions, one of which was not to advocate any anti-Jewish acts and also not to discuss or contemplate the use of firearms for any means. He added that he personally believes that the Zionists who believe that all Jews should be citizens of Israel first and that their loyalty to the United States comes second, are a danger to the United States, but they are in the minority and most Jews are loyal Americans.

Mr. Lanier stated that [redacted] were expelled from the Council for Statehood because of anti-Jewish remarks of a profane nature. Mr. Lanier does not recall if [redacted] advocated killing any of the Jewish race but spoke of them in profane terms only. Lanier claims that he was instrumental in [redacted] expulsion not only for making these comments but because he was mismanaging the Council funds. Mr. Lanier knows of no knowledge that [redacted] has been very bitter towards the Council for Statehood since his expulsion and has written and made numerous and false profane allegations against them.

In conclusion, Mr. Lanier stated he firmly believe that the communists will someday take over this country if the rights of the sovereign states are not re-established and further that the only legal means of doing this is the calling of a Constitutional Convention which is the aim of the Council for Statehood. He continued saying at no time

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has any force or violence entered into a discussion as a possible means of fulfilling this claim and anyone who says to the contrary is giving false information. Mr. Ianier recalls that the only mention made concerning guns and ammunition took place during an early meeting when someone whose identity he does not recall suggested that if the communists took over the United States all members should collect guns and ammunition to defend themselves. He stated he spoke out against this action as it was foolhardy pointing out that if the communists did take over, they would control the armed forces and police agencies and such resistance would be foolish and to no avail. He stated that this mention of guns had nothing to do with killing anyone except in defense of this country if the communists took over.

~~Mr. Arthur J. J. Bohn, Attorney at Law, 801 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, during interview on June 17, 1963, furnished the following information to Sepcial Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:~~

~~Mary Davison~~
He stated he is not a member or subscriber to the Council for Statehood but has become affiliated with this organization as a result of his contact with Mrs. Mary Davison, the leader of this organization. He stated that since 1961, he has been campaigning to force the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations by having the Supreme Court declare unconstitutional the acts which made this country a member of that organization. Since the Council for Statehood thinks along these same lines, they have invited him on several occasions to help mainly by speaking before their group and at the request of Mrs. Davison, he drew up the charter for their organization and was also a main speaker at the conference of the Congress of Freedom in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1963.

He explained that the Council for Statehood has subscribers rather than members who subscribe to weekly letters that set forth policies. These letters have been directed

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to Federal legislatures but at present, they are being directed to state legislatures with the hope of having a Constitutional Convention called to review the Constitution so that individual states may be secure in their rightful place in the Federal Government.

Mr. Bohn states that the main issues listed in order of importance are getting the United States out of the United Nations; establishing a Court of the Union so that individual states can settle their own problems without having the meeting referred to the Supreme Court and finally fair apportionment. Mr. Bohn is not aware of any advocacy of any form of violence on the part of this group and knows of no individual members that have ever advocated violence in any form whatsoever. Their objective as his is to obtain these goals through legal means.

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Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, during interview on June 17, 1963, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] advised she is a subscriber to the Council for Statehood headed by Mrs. Mary Davison, West Palm Beach, Florida. She stated their group is campaigning for a Constitutional Convention so that the necessary changes can be effected to give back to the individual states a voice in the United States Government. Their main objectives are to get the United States out of the United Nations, establish state courts whose decisions will not be subject to review and reversal by the Supreme Court and to further effect fair apportionment.

[redacted] said that their organization is opposed to any type of violence and their only endeavor is to accomplish their objectives through legal procedures. She has never heard of anyone in the organization advocating violence of any kind.

A characterization of the Council for Statehood is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

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